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US will be ready for war by deadline

Major to visit Gulf troops in early January

By MICHAEL EVANS AND ROBIN OAKLEY

visit British forces in the commanders were co-operat-Gulf to boost morale ing in Saudi Arabia as they ahead of the January 15 prepared for a possible offen-war deadline. John Ma. sive. Richard Cheney, the jor's trip was announced yesterday as America confirmed in Warsaw yesterday that the 150,000 American reinforcements

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Mr Major is expected to go to the Middle East in the first week in January, although no firm date has been fixed. He is also trying to arrange a visit to see President Bush in Washington before Christmas. his two-day visit to the Polish capital. "I don't want to get

The prime minister's plans were announced after he spent half an hour with General Colin Powell, chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, at Downing Street yesterday, British officials emphasised that the meeting was not "a council of war", and Mr Major later told Conservative MPs and peers that Britain fully supported Mr Bush's willingness to "travel the extra mile" to achieve a peaceful solution to the confrontation, saying

Mr Major was, however, said to have expressed his satisfaction at the meeting with General Powell with the

INSIDE Thatcher



Sir Alan Walters (above), the former economic adviser to Margaret Thatcher, claims today that Sir Geoffrey Howe or Nigel Lawson played a part in press reports designed to discredit Mrs Thatcher, Professor Walters cites reports that the ministers had threatened to resign to force Mrs Thatcher to accept the conditions for entry to the exchange rate mechanism but he claims that the conditions originated with Mrs Thatcher Page 12

Blakelock review The Court of Appeal is to be asked to consider new evidence on the mental condition of Engin Raghip, one of the three men convicted for the murder of PC Keith Blakelock

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Kasparov wins Gary Kasparov the World

chess champion won the marathon 16th game against Anatoly Karpov in Lyons to lead the world championship by 8½ points to 7½ Page 6

Security alert Security in the streets of Buenos Aires was stepped up in preparation for President Bush's visit to Argentina after the failed coup...... Page 11

Gatt hope

The European Community showed serious signs of cracking under world pressure last night after a majority of EC countries including Britain pushed for "a fresh approach" to European farm subsidies to save the Gatt round of trade

Job losses

GEC expects to shed 6,000 jobs because of defence spending reductions and delays, and the impact of tightening economic conditions Page 25

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THE prime minister is to way British and American the Senate armed services ground forces would by would be operational by mid-then be ready for combat. January. Brush reinforcements - a second brigade of 14,000 men deploying now — will also be ready then. But Mr Cheney declined to discuss when an attack might be launched. "A decision about how long to wait has not been

made," he said at the start of

into the business of talking about the calendar." Mr Cheney's officials said that the United States would have 400,000 military personnel in the Gulf region by January 15. An extra 300 fighter aircraft would also be in position. However, it was not clear when extra naval forces, including a further three carrier battle groups, would be in the region. The carriers USS Theodore Roosevelt and USS America are due to leave for the Guif soon after Christmas. No date has been liament of the Western Eurofixed for the departure of the

USS Ranger. Australia nounced that it was stepping up its Gulf role, putting the destroyer Brisbane, the frigate Sydney and the supply vessel Success under American operational control. Bob Hawke, the prime minister, said the three warships "would be available to participate in action with the allied fleet The move came as Britain

that resentment was growing mostly very recent. There is a Americans see as Europe's refusal to carry an equal burden in the Gulf. Douglas Hurd told a meeting of foreign ministers in Brussels: "There is a feeling in the US as they look at the future of the Gulf crisis and the distribution of effort between the US and the allies that there is a lack of balance there. It is therefore all the more important that Europe should be seen to be more effective in providing

for its own defence." Mr Hurd said the resentment could not be assuaged by Europe paying more for Gulf operations: what mattered in American eyes was how many troops there were on the ground. Mr Cheney indicated yesterday, however, that Washington might still ask its allies for more money. Before leaving for Warsaw, he told

committee that the administration "might want to urge others to do more, and probsize of our deployment".

The European foreign ministers reaffirmed their support for the UN resolution authorising the use of force, and backed Mr Bush's initiative in seeking direct talks. That approach was also endorsed by Mr Major when he spoke to his MPs and peers yesterday morning, but he added: There can be no question of negotiations, concessions, par-tial solutions or linkage to other issues. The whole international community has made it clear that Iraq has to withdraw from Kuwait totally

and unconditionally."

The question of linking an Iraqi withdrawal with other Middle East issues was raised again in France yesterday when the foreign minister Roland Dumas called for an international conference on the region. Jean-Pierre Chevenement, the defence min-ister, also hinted that Kuwait's borders might be redrawn if

pean Union that "a global regulation" of Middle Eastern problems would have to follow hard on the heels of resolution of the Gulf confrontation. France, he said, regarded an international conference as the ideal way of tackling that. M Chevenement said on French television: "There is a territorial dispute and a financial dispute. Some warned its European partners the shape of frontiers that are

> President Saddam Hussein has frequently called for a conference linking the future of Kuwait with other issues, such as the Palestinian question. The remarks of the two French ministers will therefore cause concern among the Western allies. Mr Hurd was at pains in Brussels to urge close co-operation to ensure that Iraq did not try to split the international alliance, particularly over hostages.

Iraq yesterday announced that all 3,300 Russian contract workers would be allowed to leave the country from today. The decision came after Moscow threatened to deploy forces in the region if any of its nationals were mistreated.

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Commons to launch 'supergun' enquiry

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL REPORTER

licence for steel tubes destined for the Iraqi supergun.

Charges against two businessmen were dropped Trade's involvement and last month, clearing the way for a trade and industry committee enquiry. The committee has gathered written evidence since April from the firms which made the steel tubes, including Sheffield Forgemasters. But the MPs decided not to hold public hearings while prosecutions were pending. Nicholas Rid- Somers.

A PARLIAMENTARY en- ley and Peter Lilley, the quiry will be launched later former and current trade and this month into the governindustry secretaries, are likely industry secretaries, are likely ment's handling of the export to be called to give evidence next month.

The enquiry will set out to determine the Department of knowledge of the production of the steel tubes, Sir Hal Miller, Conservative MP for Bromsgrove, is also expected to be questioned over his allegations that officials were warned two years ago about the possible nature of the order placed with the Halesowen firm Walter

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do not care."



Aga Khan boycotts **British** racing

By RICHARD EVANS

THE Aga Khan, one of the most successful owner-breeders of racehourses in the world, announced yesterday that he will cease to have horses trained or raced in Britain until the Jockey Club changes its drug testing His decision was an-

nounced less than two weeks after his horse. Aliysa, the winner of the 1989 Oaks, was disqualified from first place in the Epsom classic. Aliysa was disqualified after the Jockey Club decided that the source of a chemical by-product, 3hydroxycamphor, found in a post-race urine sample was camphor, a prohibited sub-stance. An international team of experts bired by the Aga had proved that it could have come from foodstuffs or stable

bedding.
Ninety horses presently in training with Michael Stoute and Luca Cumani in Newmarket will be moved to other trainers employed by the Aga in France, Ireland and the United States.

The Aga, who has twice before successfully challenged allegedly positive tests for illegal medication said he will not race in Britain until "such time as effective measures have been instituted to correct the flawed equine drug testing procedures and the adminstration of the rules sanctioning the use of prohibited substances in racing in this country,"

Soviet Union to get EC food aid

From MICHAEL BINYON IN BRUSSELS

preparing to send large quantities of surplus food to the Soviet Union, but is demanding that it must be properly distributed and must reach those who are hungry. German food is already going into the Soviet Union under armed guard, German sources said. In response to pleas from Moscow to the Community for urgent humanitarian aid. EC foreign ministers agreed yesterday that food convoys must soon start rolling. A

formal go-ahead is expected to be given at the Rome summit. Britain, which has taken a sceptical view of reports of impending famine, now accepts that some short-term aid is essential. "We believe that where people are hungry and deprived of food, then food should be supplied," Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said yesterday.

In response to a demand firmly expressed by France, The Netherlands and es-



THE European Community is pecially Britain, community finance ministers will on Monday, have an emergency

meeting here to discuss costs. Between now and its summit meeting, the community will work flat-out to co-ordinate what should be sent to the Soviet Union and how. On Monday evening M Delors held long discussions with Michel Camdesus, the chairman of the International Monetary Fund, whose own report on the Soviet economy will be published soon after the EC summit. He also held talks with Yuli Kvitsinsky, a deputy Soviet foreign

 The Government believes the community should help Moscow by solving its technical and organisational problems rather than by sending food aid (Andrew McEwen writes). Sources yesterday accepted that there were worsening shortages in the Soviet Union, but argued that these were localised, quoting Soviet officials saying that most regions had near-normal sup-

After a letter in Monday's Times from Leonid Zamyatin. Moscow's ambassador in London, appealing for financial rather than food aid to the Soviet Union, the British public have been quick to donate several thousand pounds (William Cash writes).

A spokesman at Barclays Bank's Marble Arch branch which has opened the Aid to the Soviet People account (No. 00107301) said yesterday that cheques had started to flow in and that he expected a large response from the public.

Black market war, page 9

Abolition of poll tax not ruled out, Heseltine told

By Douglas Broom and Nicholas Wood

out the complete abolition of

tactics in today's critical debate on a policy that Mr Heselune bitterly opposed during his time in the political wilderness. The prime min-ister told Mr Heseltine that "no options were barred", according to senior govern-

to buy time over the future of the poll tax when he returns to the Commons dispatch box after an absence of nearly five years. It emerged after his meeting that the confirmation of grant allocations to councils would be delayed to give time for the promised community it is the fairest means of local charge review to be taxation."

He faces a Labour onslaught demanding outright abolition of the tax, and must reassure anxious Conservative back-benchers that he is capable of leading them out of the minefield of local government finance. After the meeting at 10 Downing Street, which Mr Major earlier said would focus on the "precise remit" of the review, government sources indicated that Mr Heseltine would try to stonewall in the face of Opposition demands for the replacement of the community charge with a modified version of the rates.

They said that Mr Heseltine would be offering "generalities rather than specifics" and that he would not prejudge the outcome of the review. It is understood that Mr Heseltine has been given a free rein to reappraise the system for financing local authorities and that he is ruling our nothing.

What's the point of having

a review if you come to conclusions before you start? Whitehall source said. "But it does seem that changes

are necessary." On the eve of the debate. Labour threw down the gauntlet to the government and demanded the swift abolition of the poli tax. Roy Hattersley. the Opposition's deputy leader, made it clear that his party would be satisfied with nothing less than a clear commit-ment from ministers to scrap the community charge.

He said that the terms of the review should be to find the quickest way of abolishing the tax and replacing it with a system of fair rates, based on property values and modified

JOHN Major has told Michael to reflect the income of those Heseltine, the environment secretary, that he does not rule commitment to abolish the 12x will meet the needs of the he poll tax.

nation." he said. Mr
The two men met for half an Hatterlsey joined his colhour last night to discuss leagues in highlighting divisions among senior members of the government over the poll tax.

David Blunkett, the shadow local government minister, included staunch defenders of Mr Heseltine will today try of buy time over the future of the poll tax when he returns to the community charge as well what to do with the poll tax," he said. "On the one hand, Mr Heseltine says he wants change, but his local government minister, Michael Portillo. is on record as saying

Tories get new call to unity

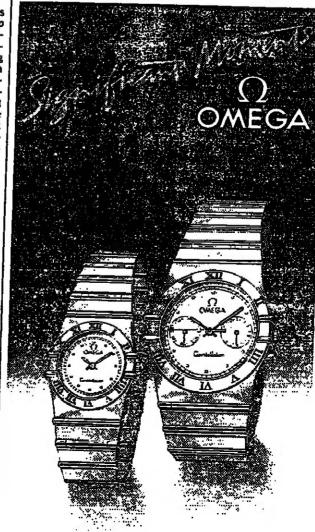
By ROBIN OAKLEY POLITICAL EDITOR

IN HIS first address to the party faithful Mr Major set out a personal political credo offering his party flexible, commonsense Conservatism which was willing to adjust policies which did not work.

He stressed, too, the importance of compassion and used notably more moderate language about Europe than Margaret Thatcher, to whom he paid lavish tribute. Mr Major warned Conservatives that without unity they would never achieve the success they had achieved under Mrs

in a clear signal to constituency associations to call off any action planned against MPs who supported Michael Heseltine in the leadership contest, the new prime minister urged his party to reject back-biting, recriminations and post-mortems, saying: There is too much at stake. We have an election to win." He also threw his weight behind John Taylor, the black prospective candidate whose lection for Cheltenham has Continued on page 24, col 6

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OMEGA CONSTELLATION. THE WATCH SOLD AT LEADING JEWELLERS AROUND THE WORLD.

FOR FUETHER INFORMATION

Cold War echo to legion's new desert songs From Christopher Walker IN HAFER EL-BATTN

SHADES of P.C. Wren's novel Beau Geste linger in the eastern desert of Saudi Arabia as hard-faced French foreign legionnaires from more than 60 nations sit nightly under the stars in Bedouin tents singing loud and strangely moving laments of lost

loves, past campaigns and death. But the composition, if not the ethos of the legion, one of the toughest units in the multinational force now facing Iraq, has changed. Today's recruits come from the liberated nations of Eastern Europe and within a year they will have replaced Englishspeakers as the largest minority in the 8,000-strong legion.

soldier of France, entirely amenable to martial law, without any appeal whatsoever. Your friends cannot buy you out, and your consul cannot help you. For five years, nothing but death

can remove you from the legion." The rawest recruit in the detachment, based about 60 miles from the nearest Iraqi troops, is an 18-year-old Romanian who lost his father in last December's revolution and whose mother died a few months later. Others may well have been mem-

bers of the feared Securitate secret police looking for a haven from Colonel Yves Derville, commander of the Second Foreign Infantry Regiment based in Nimes, said: "The

legion has a tradition of not asking

Once accepted, a recruit is given a new identity which he may later abandon. He forswears the right to marry for ten years and takes a crash course in French. In the Saudi desert he wears a green beret; the traditional white kepi is reserved for ceremonial occasions and the monthly pay day.

Ceausescu or pro-Ceausescu, and we

During 24 hours spent in the field with the legion, I met at least eight Britons whose main common bond, apart from language, was an impatience to see combat. Among them was Corporal Gavin Allen, a 15-year veteran who joined in 1975 after leaving Wormwood Scrubs prison. Why I was there was my business,

"Justice problems" affect some 30 per cent of legionnaires. The others who join are mainly professional soldiers looking for more glamorous action, adventurers and those escaping family problems or trying to forget a broken love affair.

Any suggestion that they might be mercenaries are made at the reporter's peril. All legionnaires have the right to French citizenship after five years of service and fight under the tricolour which flies prominently over their desert camp. They combine a tough, killer image (much in evidence during their close-combat sessions in the sands) with a provision of home comforts which has helped to keep

Gilded youth of Oxbridge loosens the bond with Toryism

RONALD Reagan received two conflicting invitations to address the jeunesse dorée of Britain today, one from the Oxford union and the other from the Cambridge union. Cambridge won, probably because it is celebrating its 175th anniversary, or possibly because George Shultz spoke there recently and returned with encouraging reports of the under-graduates' attention span.

In this supposed new era of lassless politics, however, led by a prime minister whose university as the streets of Brixton, will Mr Reagan's audience be the gilded youth of today that matures into the government of tomorrow? Have not the Oxbridge unions,

Toryism, had their day?
John Major's cabinet contains five former presidents of the Cambridge union (Messrs Hurd, Howard, Lamont, Clarke and Gummer) and four who held equivalent office at Oxford (Messrs Heseltine, Newton, Brooke and Waldegrave). They

















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For all their demotic ten-

resent well represented on the

dencies, neither union is at

Labour front bench - another area subject to severe Celtic

infiltration. Michael Foot and

Tony Benn are both Oxford ex-

presidents, while Greville Janner

and Jack Ashley held the equiva-

lent light blue honour. However,

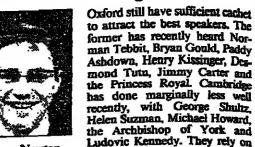
it is the unions of Edinburgh and

Glasgow whose debating skills

hold sway in the shadow cabinet

now. And yet, Cambridge and

waiter Look at it now."



Reagan to level the score. Both, too, increasingly attract sponsorship, largely from newspapers (including this one) and prospective employers of the talent on display, such as leading law firms. Mr Reagan appears today by courtesy of the Inter-national Herald Tribune. Oxford's greatest financial coup was to pull in a donation of £1 million from Mitsubishi Trust and Banking.

Past presidents, it is said, take ten years to bloom in public life Perhaps some cabinet minister early next century will recall hearing Ronald Reagan speak

are all men of an earlier student ther union is dominated by the output of English public schools. Both have fallen to a concerted invesion from Scotland. Oliver Campbell (Edinburgh Academy) is the present president

of the Oxford union, reading law with ambitions towards advocacy. He has, he says, no burning political career plans.

Martin Harris (George Wat-son's, Edinburgh and Glen-almond) presides over the Cambridge union when he is not reading history with hopes of entering the Foreign Office. His as are his incoming vice-president politics, he says, are "wishy-washy middle of the road".

Next term, both unions will display a further flight from outmoded tradition. Jacob Rees-Mogg, regarded as the epitome of high Toryism (Eton, and son of a former editor of The Times) was recently defeated in the Oxford presidential election by Damian Hinds, a considerably lower Tory from a state school in Manchester. Next term's Cambridge president, Mark Scott-Fleming (Stewarts-Melville, Edinburgh) is a committed Labour party man,

and secretary.

Both unions have in the past been closely - too closely, many feel - associated with their respective university Conservative associations; both presidents deny that this is any longer the case. At Oxford, Mr Campbell claims that, after a concerted effort to improve the facilities and the finances, the union has threequarters of the undergraduate population in membership, and their range of backgrounds and political views reflects the everwidening intake of the university.

From Oxbridge to high office: politicians who haned their skills as presidents of their respective unions include, from left, Messrs Lam Heseltine, Brooke, Clarke and Howard. While the posts have hunched some glittering cabinet careers, today, undergraduate links with Toryism are less pronounced At Cambridge, Mr Harris claims club, with vast leather armchairs about half the student body as and bellpushes to summon a members. He agrees that in the recent past the union was more or less in bed with the Conservative association, but no longer, Last year, for the first time, Cambridge admitted more undergraduates from state schools than from private education.

Mr Harris waved a hand around his premises, which looked like any other student union, with a bar and seating more functional than opulent. "Thirty years ago this place would have been an elitist gentlemen's

Killer of siege girl to seek an appeal

By CRAIG SETON

A MAN convicted of killing his girl friend by using her as a shield in a siege in which she was fatally shot by police is to ask the home secretary to re-open his case. The move comes after a judge's claim that West Midlands police suppressed a critical report on the incident for ten years.

David Pagett served seven years in prison for the manslaughter of 16-year-old Gail Kinchin, who was pregnant when she was ac-cidentally shot by officers in Birmingham in 1980. He was convicted in 1981 and his solicitor said yesterday that the verdict might have been different if the contents of a confidential West Midlands police report on the siege had been known. The existence of the report

became known only in October when Miss Kinchin's mother, Josephine Wood, sued West Midlands police in the High Court in Birmingham for negligence over her daughter's death. The five-and-a-half page document, pre-pared in 1980, was critical of the police operation but was marked for internal use only. When Mrs Wood's claim resumed on Monday, Mr Justice Hodgson found that West Midlands police had been negligent and awarded her £8,155 in damages and costs. He said that the force had suppressed the confidential memo and be

Pagett, aged 41, is at present serving a seven-year sentence for rape. His solicitor, Ivan Geffen, said yesterday that the police report had been withheld from Pagett's trial at Birmingham Crown Court and when he failed in an appeal. "I have written to the home secretary to ask if he plans to refer Mr Pagett's case back to the Court of Appeal. The Crown is supposed to disclose to the defence any evidence which

called for an enquiry.

may be relevant."
West Midlands police said last night that it was considering how to respond to Mr Justice Hodgson's remarks.

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Mistake theory on terrorist killing

A 30-YEAR-old Protestant man shot dead by republican para-militaries in Co Londonderry on Monday night was almost cer-tainly not the intended victim, police believe (Edward Gorman

David Shiels, who worked in a bakery, was killed at about 10.30pm outside his mobile home in Crew Road, Maghera. The caravan and Mr Shiels's car were riddled with bullets. His wife Gladys and their four-week-old son Stephen were slightly injured by falling debris inside their home. Police were questioning two men arrested in the Maghera area after the shooting. Detectives were thought to be working on the theory that Mr Shiels had been mistaken for his brother, an RUC member who used to live in the caravan. The family appealed for no retaliation for the killing.

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Nissan pay deal under inflation

Nissan car workers last night became the first big bargaining group in the motor industry to accept a below inflation pay deal in the autumn wage round (Kevin Eason writes).

The Japanese company also refused to offer an inflation-linked deal similar to the one that forced Ford into a 13.4 per cent wage increase for its 32,000 manual workers last month. The 2,750 Type and Wear, voted to accept 9.5 per cent in the first stage of a two-year deal starting next month, with another 7 per cent from January, 1992.

Arrest damages

A miner who fainted from pain while being arrested on a picket line during the 1984 pit strike won £7,000 compensation from South Wales police yesterday. A jury at the High Court in Cardiff found that excessive force had been used by police on Jeffrey Coombes, aged 43, during his arrest at the Margam steel works, Port Talbot, West Glamorgan. The jury found against Mr Coombes's claim that he had been unlawfully arrested and falsely imprisoned.

Lesson not learnt The standard of written English among nearly 5,000 service school children in Germany should be higher, according to the school inspectors. In a report yesterday they said that too many lessons were taken by staff not qualified to teach English.

£5m tunnel bonus Transmanche Link, the Anglo-French consortium building the Channel tunnel, has received a £5 million bonus for linking the British and French sections of the

Enquiry demand

service tunnel two weeks ahead of

A High Court judge at Durham crown court yesterday demanded an enquiry into the running of the city's prison after he sentenced Ken Carter, a 20-year-old inmate. to life for the murder of his cellmate, Darren Brook, aged 19.

Boat-raising help

An oil industry support vessel with divers is to help to raise the fishing boat Antares, sunk in the Firth of Clyde by the submarine Trenchant. Attempts to recover the bodies of four fishermen ran into difficulties because of inadequate naval equipment.

The chief looks in Kenneth Baker, the new home secretary, watched police reaction from a central London control room yesterday as officers foiled an armed raid on a West End

jewellers in which raiders fired

shots. Police recovered £500,000

gems and detained two men.

Tory leaders move swiftly to back black candidate By Philip Werster, Chief Political Correspondent

JOHN Major and other senior Conservatives acted last night to quell a damaging race dispute by disowning protests by party ac-tivists over the choice of a black Tory parliamentary candidate. The prime minister and Chris

Patten, the Tory chairman, swung the full weight of the party machine behind John Taylor, who has been selected as the prospective candidate for Cheltenham in the face of some local opposition. Mr Major said: "As long as I am privileged to lead our party it will

never become an exclusive club."

Racist remarks aimed at the man who is tipped to be the first black Tory MP were "not sentiments that have any place in our party".

After Mr Major's pledge to create a classless society there is anger and embarrassment among Conservative MPs and at Conservative Central Office at the out-

burst from a local party member, Bill Galbraith, who was reported as calling Mr Taylor, a former adviser to the Home Office, a

Mr Patten suggested the re-marks were repellent, and Mr Major used a speech to Tories in London to state that everyone should be able to go as far as their talent, ambition and effort took them; there should be no artifical barriers on grounds of background, religion or race. Then he went to the Commons to denounce the reported objections as not sentiments that have any place in our party".

Mr Galbraith, who tried to block Mr Taylor's adoption, was reported as saying the people of Cheltenham wanted a local man and not "a nigger from Birm-ingham". Although Mr Galbraith, a cousin of the Earl of Strathclyde, said yesterday the remarks were made in private and that he had been misquoted, he admitted: "I did say we would not let bloody niggers into this town.

Last night Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, urged Mr Major to expel Mr Galbraith.

Mr Patten wrote congratulating Mr Taylor on his selection as candidate and wishing him every success. "I know how much work you have done for the party over many years and I well understand why your qualities commended themselves to the Cheltenham association," he said.

Mr Patten told BBC Radio 4's The World at One that Mr Taylor was selected on merit. "I do not think that anybody has any time at all for the rather repellent views of a minority in our society." Asked if there were constituencies where racist views were widely repre-sented, Mr Patten replied: "There are people embracing every political creed who have views on race that make Alf Garnett seem like a screaming liberal." Mr Taylor again brushed aside

the candidacy row. "I am not worried about that. I have a job to do, it is a very enjoyable job and that is getting to know the people of Cheltenham." Mr Taylor said there was "definitely no question" about the support of the Cheltenselected him from 250 hopefuls in a hard-fought competition. He later added: "You will always get people in society whose vision does not extend beyond the end of their noses. Frankly I feel sorry for people like that."

Sir Charles Irving the retiring MP for Cheltenham, challenged Mr Galbraith to write a "total and unqualified spology for disgusting remarks".



William Galbraith, who stands by his words, at his Cheltenham home yesterday

Galbraith 'will back Taylor if he wins'

By Peter Victor

WILLIAM Galbraith, who called John Taylor, the Conservative candidate, a "bloody nigger", said yesterday that he would "shake Mr Taylor by the hand" and back him to the hilt if he won the

Given that Mr Taylor is said by all who have met him to be "a very nice man", it is likely that he will be willing to bury the hatchet. The furore raised by Mr Galbraith's words, however, is unlikely to subside quickly. The dispute, according to one Cheltenham councillor, has reinforced public perception of the town as "Colonel Blimpsville" and "a white elephant's graveyard".

Sir Charles Irving, the present Cheltenham MP, demanded a public apology and Mr Galbraith's resignation from the party. Mr Galbraith's response to these demands was "bloody rubbish". He said, however: "If Mr Taylor is elected I will give him my wholeadded, because the electorate favoured a local man.

He also refused to resign, saying it was up to the Conservative party to expel him, if it wished. "My family have been Tory grandees for 50 years," he said. "This whole thing is a storm in a teacup. On Saturday I made a private speech to party members. It should have remained private." He confirmed that he had described Mr Taylor using the fateful words and added that he would not retract them. "The horrible truth is that, if I had to do the whole thing over, I would say the same again." He said, however, that he would shake Mr

Taylor's hand if he was elected as the MP. Politicians in Cheltenham said that Mr Galbraith's views were those of a tiny minority. "There's a Galbraith in every town in England," Bill Bullingham, the mayor, said. "We've had teenagers

hearted support." He did not and people in their early 20s believe that would happen, he saying: What can we do to beip?". It was true at one time that Cheltenham did have a Colonel Blimp image. That is now out of date. If we didn't want John Taylor we wouldn't have him."

That view was not shared by Deborah Griggs, a local Liberal Democrat councillor. Miss Griggs, a school teacher, said that Mr Galbraith's outburst had brought the whole of Cheltenham into disrepute. "This area is already known as an elephant's gravevard. There are a number of us who would like to see that changed and were trying to drag Cheltenhan kicking and screaming into the 1980s at least."

Most members of the public said that Mr Taylor's colour was not important. Roger Eeles, aged 76, a former London Transport traffic manager, said: "I like the look of Mr Taylor, but he could cost the Tories the seat anyway. His colour doesn't have anything to do with it, but people would

prefer a local man. That's the objection I have." An elderly couple from The Park, on the outskirts of Cheltenham, who were reluctant to be identified said they thought Taylor faced a tough job. "It doesn't matter that he is not local. How many MPs out of the 600-odd actually live in their constituency? His problem is that Cheltenham is

very white." Cheltenham is genteel and relatively prosperous. Unemployment stands at 3.1 per cent, 84 per cent of the housing is owner-occupied and, of the 85,000-strong population, 21 per cent is retired. according to the national census of 1981. More than the national average of people are in the upper

The general view of local people was that Mr Taylor would have a better chance in Gloucester, where there is a larger black population. The total number of Caribbean people in the Cheltenham area was less than 200 in 1981.

Approval granted for 56 NHS trusts

By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE government yesterday de- self governing in April 1992, he cided to keep up the momentum of its NHS reforms and take the "high risk option" of approving all but ten of the hospitals that had applied to become self-governing trusts from next April.

William Waldegrave, the health secretary, announced that 56 of the 66 hospitals in the final list of applicants for trust status would go ahead. The rejected ten, which include St Bartholomew's, St Thomas's and Harefield hospitals, would be considered, along with a further 111 applicants, to become

told the Commons. The successful applicants include acute hospitals, ambulance services, mental health and community units.

Mr Waldegrave added that NHS trusts, which can set their own pay rates and borrow from the private sector, would become "the natural model" for units providing patient care. "Trusts will have wide-ranging and signifi-cant powers of self-determination which will enable them to deliver high quality patient care and to provide greater job satisfaction."

Mr Waldegrave decided to push ahead with a high number of trusts in spite of advice from Coopers & Lybrand, the management consul-tants, and Sheila Masters, the NHS finance director, that many could prove financially unviable. It is understood that many of the applications were not financially robust and depended on big amounts of capital expenditure.

Mr Waldegrave said yesterday that trusts would not be allowed the size of capital spending that they envisaged. Although self-governing hospitals are theoretically allowed to borrow from the private sector, the Treasury will set overail limits. "Inevitably this will involve difficult decisions, as it will not be possible to meet all trusts' capital aspirations next

The government also appears to have ignored many of the responses to the local consultation exercise, a large number of which showed strong opposition to the scheme. Mr Waldegrave told the Commons that, in many cases, local consultation was based on printed postcards asking whether people supported hospitals opting

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Boost in Scotland for health and education By KERRY GILL

GOVERNMENT spending in Scotland will rise by 11 per cent for the coming year from less than £10 billion to slightly more than £11 billion, including increased allocations to health, housing and education, Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, said last night.

Although the total was disclosed at the time of the chancellor's autumn statement, details were withheld until Mr Lang's statement to Parliament. He said that in spite of having to take tough decisions in the interests of the economy more money was being earmarked for the environment.

Mr Lang said the settlement should remove the need for any significant increase in poll tax levels next year. He said: "I believe it was right to give priority to off-setting the effects on community charge payers of high spending by Scottish local authorities, but it has inevitably meant that the increases I can afford for my other programmes are lower

than I would have wished." The money allocated to the new Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise after their establishment next April will be £477 million. Scottish Enterprise will receive £406 million, with £226 million of this for training, while Highlands and Islands Enterprise will get £71 million, of

which £13 million is for training.

Mr Lang said that the health programme would get £3.3 billion, an 11 per cent increase. That meant that planned spending on the NHS in Scotland would be 38 per cent higher in real terms than in 1979. The money would enable continued progress with reforms in management while maintaining

These additions to the pro-



cant given that expenditure per head on health is already over 20 per cent above comparable expen-diture in England," Mr Lang said. One of the largest increases will be on the environment, where Mr Lang is to enhance the water and sewerage programme by 17 per cent to £166 million and £238

and for extra resources needed to improve school buildings. In housing, funding for Scottish Homes increases by 10 per cent.

Mr Lang confirmed that work on upgrading the A74 link with

England to motorway standard would be kept up. Schemes to complete dual carriageway work on the A9 Perth to Stirling section and the A94 Perth to Aberdeen route would also be started, and work on the central Scotland motorway network and A96 Aberdeen to Inverness route would continue. There were no new initiatives announced,

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million within three years.

The education budget will provide for rising numbers of students at universities and colleges

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THE Court of Appeal is to be cleared of, the murder. A scene at the time of the asked to consider new evidence on the mental condition of Engin Raghip, one of the three men convicted of the murder in 1985 of PC Keith

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The decision, announced by former law lord, for all three convictions to be reviewed.

The move is the first victory for a long campaign to free the three men in a case that has been surrounded by controversy. Earlier this year the 1987. detective chief superintendent. PC detective chief superintendent in overall charge of the murand hacked to death by a mob der investigation was found during a riot on the Broad-guilty by a Scotland Yard water estate, north London, in tribunal of a disciplinary of- October 1985, According to

junior officer is due to go before another tribunal

Yesterday's announcement follows Home Office scrutiny of the case against the three men after a BBC television terday, said there was no grounds to refer back the cases of Winston Silcott or Mark Braithwaite who were convicted with Raghip at the Central Criminal Court in

fence over the treatment of a the Crown, Raghip, from juvenile charged with, but north London, was on the

£46,000 damages for unplanned baby

A HEALTH authority is to pay damages but had con-pay £46,000 damages to a tested the amount. Mrs mother who was driven to Lewington, of Hornchurch, thoughts of suicide by the birth of an unplanned fourth her costs, and has already baby after a sterilisation

Linda Lewington reached a settlement in the High Court after having three children, yesterday on the second day of her damages action over the birth of her daughter, Charlotte, in July 1986, in spite of pregnant, but turned down an baving an operation two years earlier at Rush Green hospital in Romford, east London.

Mrs Lewington, aged 38, said that she considered taking a drug overdose because of the emotional and financial strain, but that her third child, Suzanne, had followed her around, saying: "Don't leave me, Mummy, we will make you better", which made her

Peter Latham, her counsel, told Mr Justice Rose that Mrs Lewington had reached agree-ment with the Barking, Haver-ing and Brentwood health

New curbs

on TV

her costs, and has already been paid £15,000 of the Mrs Lewington said that, offer of a termination because she was opposed to abortion. She had to give up a full-time job as a telephonist for a time, and financial problems became so bad that, at one time,

getting enough to est.
After Charlotte's birth, she was borrified to find herself pregnant again, in spite of taking the contraceptive pill. She miscarried and underwent a second sterilisation

the family had difficulty in

Mrs Lewington claimed for ment with the Barking, Havering and Brentwood health authority, which is responsible for the hospital. The authority had accepted it must extending the family home. murder, was carrying a broom-handle and would have struck PC Blakelock if he

could have got close. He was held by police for five days and began to in-Kenneth Baker, the Home investigation earlier this year interviews. He had signed secretary, was met with jubila- and representations from MPs away the right to have a tion by Raghip's family and a and lawyers. Mr Baker, in a solicitor present and was call from Lord Scarman, the Commons written answer yesthe murder because he placed himself at the scene with the intention of attacking the

> In May this year, BBC television's Inside Story series looked at the convictions for the murder and raised ques-tions over the work of Dr Eric Ward, a defence pychologist. Before the trial Dr Ward found that Raghip was of

average intelligence.

After the conviction, Dr Giesli Gudjonsson, of the Institute of Pyschiatry, looked at Raghip and found that he was in the bottom 5 per cent of the population in terms of intelli-gence. Raghip was described on the programme as having a low intelligence, being close to mentally handicapped and un-able to read or write. He was said to be highly suggestible.

When Raghip orginally ap-pealed the judges dismissed the new evidence because of Dr Ward's work. This year in the programme Dr Ward said that his report was mistaken and that data had been mis-

In his comments yesterday, Mr Baker said: "The psychologist now says that in the light of subsequent tests carried out by another psychologist he now regards the assess made as mistaken.

"He now takes the view the had he at the time of the trial been aware of the later findings of another psychologist whose tests were carried out in what he regards as more appropriate circumstances than those which he himself had encountered, he would have agreed that Mr Raghip possessed a significant degree of mental incapacity, suggesti-bility and compliance."

Mr Baker said the change of mind amounted to new ma-terial which should go to the

TV lists £35m

bidders By MELINDA WITTSTOCK MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH Baker, the home secretary, yesterday in-troduced additional cross-media ownership restrictions to the Broadcasting Act, preventing bidders for ITV franchises from owning more than one large regional licence.

The Home Office has ruled that the nine largest Channel 3 licensees, in terms of national advertising revenue, can own outright any of the six smaller regional franchises. The large companies will be restricted to 20 per cent of one other "large" licence. It also scrapped contiguity rules, which would prevent a Channel 3 licensee owning another

bordering regional licence. The secondary legislation, applying to terrestrial television and radio, was introduced yesterday in spite of pressure from the Independent Television Commission to delay it. It wanted the Home Office to consider more carefully whether News Inter-national should have to reduce its 50 per cent holding in British Sky Broadcasting to 20 per cent in line with non-EC and cross-media ownership rules for terrestrial and domestic satellite TV.

holiday line-up By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

VARIETY will feature strong-ly in independent television's and El-CID, and Coronation £35 million Christmas line-Street, will also dominate the up. Ken Dodd, the stand-up comedian, will be back on the London Palladium stage with his first live television spectacular in eight years.

ITV will see in the new year with The London Palladium: Happy Birthday, Happy New Year, a two-hour live tribute to the theatre's most famous variety stars, musicals and acts. World-class ice skating is also on display in Torvill and Dean and the Russian All-

Special holiday editions of many of ITV's most highly



Daniel Day-Lewis

Street, will also dominate the schedules. George Baker as Det Chief Inspector Wexford features in a mystery film, Put

On By Cunning. ITV will screen the television première of the Oscarwinning My Left Foot, starring Daniel Day-Lewis as the Irish paraplegic writer Christy Moore. Dirty Dancing, with Patrick Swayze, Walt Disney's Pinocchio, and Beverly Hills Cop II starring Eddie Murphy, are among other premières.

Secret Weapon, a drama based on the true story of Mordechai Vanunu, serving an 18-year prison sentence in Israel for revealing that the Israelis were building a nuclear arsenal, stars Karen Allen and Griffin Dunne.

British Sky Broadcasting also released its Christmas schedules yesterday. It will show such successful films as Who Framed Roger Rabbit?, A Fish Called Wanda, Robocop, Rain Man, Crocodile Dundee II and Good Morning Vietm. BSkyB will screen a Christmas special of the cult cartoon series The Simpsons. The BBC Christmas schedules are launched tomorrow.

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Christy Moore Fast car sales hit red light

By KEVIN EASON MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

THE Eighties boom in the fast car market has skidded to a halt in the recession, with investors facing the prospect of handing over the keys of their Porsches and Ferraris to debt collectors.

Cars this year could be worth as little as a quarter of their 1989 values as some owners, desperate to find cash to pay off loans and keep banks at bay, force a glut of exotic models into auction rooms.

The boom reached its climax last year with record prices set for classic sports models as investors hoped to make a profit every bit as fast as the car.

However, 15 cars worth £5 million languishing in a storage garage last night were symptomatic of the U-turn in the market. The cars were repossessed from victims of high interest rates and the

classic car market and put into storage by the new owners - merchant banks and finance companies.

Allan Cowen, managing director of Storacar, in Newport Pagnell, Buckinghamshire, said the number of cars being repossessed was in full flood. He is storing the cars while decisions are made on whether to sell now and risk losses or hold on until the market revives.

Mr Cowen added: "Exotic vehicles, including one example worth the best part of £1 million, which have been used as collateral to finance business deals and personal investment have been repossessed in considerable numbers." After repossessing the cars, the banks faced the difficulty of

peering into a foggy crystal ball" to try to determine the future course of the market. Robert Dawkins, car specialist at Phillips auctioneers, said a Ferrari

fetching only £100,000 to £150,000. An Aston Martin DB5, worth £106,000 last year would now make only about £20,000 and a Ferrari Boxer, coming up for sale soon would probably bring £50,000 — a quarter of its 1989 value.

He said: "There are significant numbers of cars coming up with no reserve because people are anxious to make a sale."

Coys of Kensington said that too many buyers tried to each in on last year's boom without realising that their car might have to be a longterm investment. The auction house said: "Those people who read the signs and got out quickly will have made a lot of money. There are also many who did not see what was coming and they now have a vehicle worth considerably less in the short term. They are

sould like to know more about the BJ-IDe compact buildle jet printe

Safety on roads a matter of social

By MICHAEL DYNES TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

A CHRISTMAS campaign against drinking and driving designed to exploit the social conscience of potential offenders was launched by Christopher Chope, the roads

minister, yesterday.

The centrepiece of the £1 million campaign will be a 40-second television advertisement showing a girl aged six listening to her mother shouting at her father after his drinking and driving has led to the death of a child. Because the advertisement could disturb young children, the Independent Broadcasting Authority will not allow it to

be broadcast before 9pm.

In sharp contrast to previous Christmas campaigns,
most of which have been directed at young drivers, the present campaign is being aimed at male drivers in the 35-50 age bracket, where the incidence of drink-driving of-

fences has been increasing steadily in recent years. During the 1980s, the num-ber of people killed in drinkby half to less than 1,000. In spite of the overall change in attitudes, however, Mr Chope said that there were still people willing to risk the consequences, which went a long way beyond a big fine, inevitable loss of licence, and all that would involve.

"Drinking and driving wrecks peoples' lives: not only the lives of innocent victims and their families, but also the lives of the family of the drink-driver himself," he said. More flexible opening hours for public houses could and the reign of the lager lout,

the causes of hooliganism said Peter Marsh, a social psychologist from Oxford polytechnic, said that Britain's young, often drunk, people on

Grist warning: Cheryl Cole, who lost her husband in a drink-driving accident, speaking at the campaign launch yesterday, which is aimed at men aged 35 to 50 a leading academic expert on licensing laws were a recipe the streets late at night. He for street disorder and viurged the government to test olence. "Time" being called at 11pm guaranteed the presence of large numbers of longer licensing hours, or even

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Gulf fears cause plunge in tours to Israel

By RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS REPORTER

THE Gulf emergency has cut tourist visits to Israel by more than 40 per cent, travel companies said last night. They have had to cancel tours and lay off staff.

Inter-Church Travel, which would normally take about 50 pilgrius to the Holy Land this Christmas, has cancelled all tours to Israel as a direct result of the Gulf emergency.

Pilgrimages make up a fifth of the annual traffic to Israel from Britain, but according to figures from the Israel tourist office in London, tourism from Britain is 45 per cent down on last year. The office is appealing for Jewish organizations to consider the contraction of isations to organise missions.

Peltours, a specialist travel agent which takes 20,000 tourists and pilgrims to Israel each year, has almost no forward bookings. The company normally expects 40 per cent of next year's business to be booked by now, and has laid

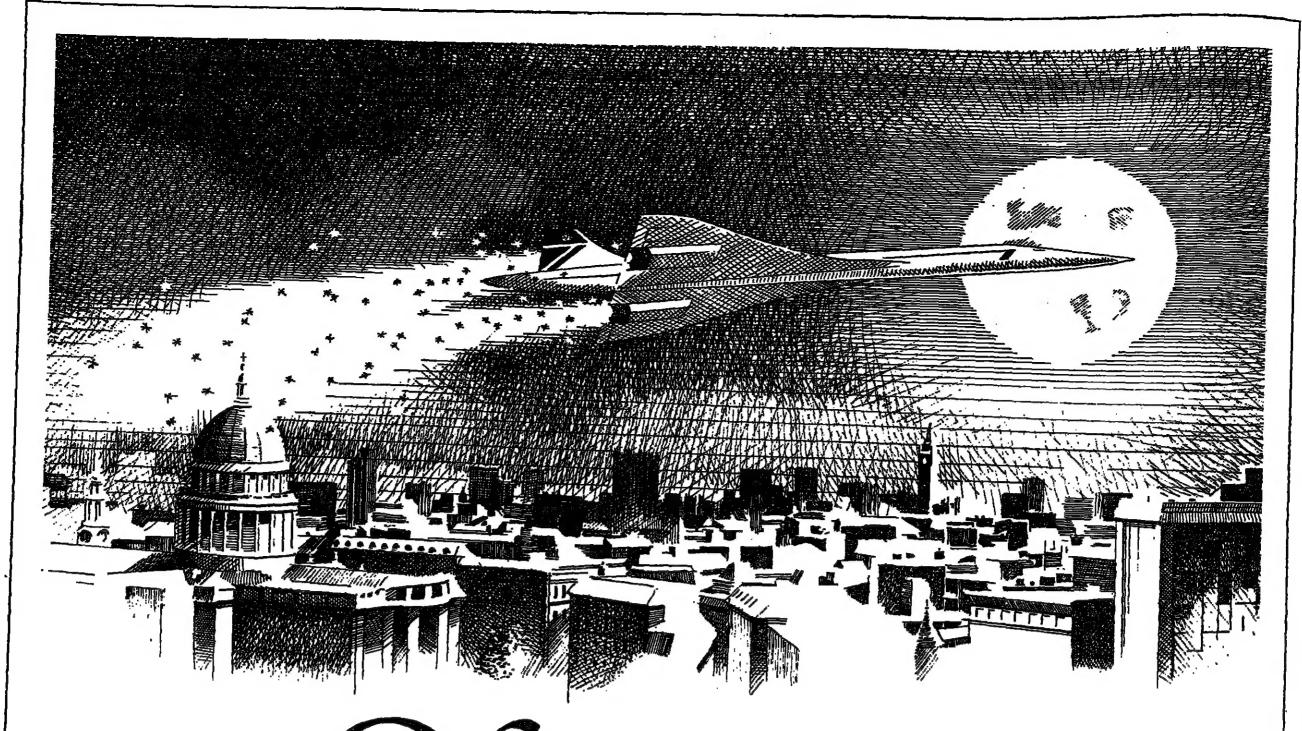
off 10 per cent of its staff,
According to Longwood
Holidays, November bookings for holidays in Israel were 24 per cent down on last year. • The president of the Anglican Association has pub-lished a wide-ranging criticism of the General Synod of the Church of England Canon Roy Porter, emeritus professor of theology at Exeter university, says the synod machinery produces a confrontational atmosphere and "the skilled operator can manipulate its proceedings to delay, confuse and derail business".

Professor Porter, questions whether the model of democratic parliamentary government is best for the church.



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Censuses and Surveys. Only about a quarter of households consisted of the standard nuclear unit a couple and their dependent children. One in six families with dependent children was headed by a lone parent. almost always a woman, compared with one in 12 in 1971. One in five unmarried women aged 18-49 was cohabiting, compared with one in ten in 1979. The proportion

A STATE OF THE STA

Changing face of life in Britain of married women at work was 66

per cent, up from 54 per cent in

The average age at which women married for the first time was up from 21 in 1968 to 23. In general, married and cohabiting women were younger than their partners. Those who had been married before, however, were more likely to choose a younger man. Thirty-three per cent of women in that group had a partner

GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY 1988

younger than themselves, compared with 14 per cent of women marrying for the first time.

The average age at which women gave birth to a first child was 24. Women with higher educational qualifications and those from non-manual socioeconomic groups tended to be older than other mothers at the

birth of their first child. The length of time between first and second births was 37 months. The interval increased to 43 months between second and third children. The survey, compiled from data

gathered in 1988 after interviews at about 10,000 households, revealed that men and women were smoking less but drinking more.

Among people aged 16 and over, one in four men and one in ten women consumed more than the recommended amount of alcohol, units a week for men and 14 units for women. Thirty-three per cent of men and 30 per cent of women aged over 16 smoked cigarettes, compared with 52 per cent and 41 per cent respectively

Scotland 12%

in 1972. The survey found that men and women who smoked heavily were more likely to drink too much as well.

The number of people suffering from long-term illness was shown to have increased from 21 per cent in 1972 to 33 per cent in 1988. For both sexes there was a strong association between levels of chronic sickness and socio-economic status. Such complaints were lowest among the pro-

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A quarter of the men interviewed owned shares, compared with 18 per cent of women. In the

55-64 age group, 28 per cent of women were share owners com-

Employee share ownership has

still not caught on, according to

the survey, which found that just 8

per cent of employees bought such

interviewed owned personal equity plans (PEPs), and they came

from higher up the social scale. More than half of PEP owners (53

per cent) were professionals or

managers, compared with 46 per cent of shareholders as a whole. Unit trust holders were, like

PEP owners, better off. More than one-third had an income of more

The North-South divide is high-

ICIS. More than one-third (39 per cent) of South-Eastern

lighted by the distribution of

households contained a share-

holder, compared with 19 per cent

than £250 a week.

Only I per cent of the adults

pared with 36 per cent of men.

fessional group and highest among manual workers.

Twenty-one per cent of adults in Britain owned shares in 1988, the same proportion recorded in the previous year's survey. Shareholders were most frequently middleaged and middle class. However, those who held shares only in privatised companies tended to have lower incomes than investors as a whole.

REPORTS BY BILL FROST AND NICHOLAS WATT

General Household Survey 1988, (Stationery Office; £16.50)

Alcohol risk to solo men

SMOKING & DRINKING

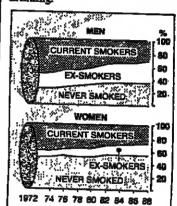
ONE in four men drinks more than he should and one in ten women exceeds the safe level of consumption, the survey shows. Widowed, divorced and separated men are more prone than married men to abuse alcohol. Women drinking more than the "safe" 14 units of drink a week are more likely than men to "understate"

the quantity they drink.

Between 1984 and 1988, the years covered by the survey, there was little change in the drinking habits of people aged 18 or over, apart from a slight increase in the number of men exceeding the safe level of consumption, 21 units or week, or about ten pints of beer.

Beer, lager and cider accounted for 71 per cent of men's usual alcohol consumption. Women favoured wine, spirits and liqueurs. Women with higher educational qualifications tended to drink more than those in semi-skilled and unskilled work, and among both sexes alcohol consumption tended to increase with total household income.

Smoking continues to decline, with 33 per cent of men and 30 per cent of women maintaining the habit, against 52 per cent and 41 per cent respectively in 1972. A strong association is noted between smoking and excessive drinking.



Percentages of smokers, former smokers and non-smokers

The nuclear unit goes into decline

THE number of single parent families has increased as the traditional unit goes into decline, the general household survey

Only one-quarter of households consist of married couples and their children. The number of mothers bringing up a family alone has risen to 15 per cent, after remaining steady at 12 per cent since 1983. The proportion of lone fathers remained unchanged at 1

per cent of families with children. The number of couples living together outside marriage has continued its steady growth, and has doubled in a decade. Unmarried couples who live together are most prevalent in the South-East and East Anglia (21 per cent in both areas). In Wales and Scotland, only 7 per cent and 12 per cent of couples respectively cohabit outside marriage.

The proportion of couples who live together before marriage increased from 4 per cent in the late 1960s to 37 per cent, and was more common among couples in which one or both partners had been married before.

The highest number of illegitimate births, 12 per cent of those registered, was in Greater London while the lowest figure, 9 per cent, was in Scotland

The proportion of children born to unmarried parents has been

PEOPLE'S fitness varies accord-

ing to their social class, and

muscular and bone complaints are

the greatest problem, according to the health section in the 1988

general household survey.
Twice as many unskilled work-

ers reported heart and circulatory

problems (13.4 per cent) than professionals (6.7 per cent). The

disparity between the social groups was even higher for mus-

cular and bone complaints, where 23.5 per cent of unskilled workers

reported them, compared to 9.8

There was, however, almost no

association between chronic ill-

ness and the socio-economic sta-

tus of children, particularly

Forecasts

on pension

opt-outs

By JILL SHERMAN

SOCIAL SERVICES

CORRESPONDENT

per cent of professionals.

20 years, with a particularly steep increase between 1985 and 1987,

qualifications.

creased. Among women first mar-ried between 1960 and 1964, only

women now go out to work, compared to 54 per cent in 1973. There is a similar increase in the number of working married moth-

show the trend has continued. The proportion of lone mothers who

from 15 per cent to 23 per cent. The average age of a mother at childbirth was 27. Women with a higher level of education tended to be older at the birth of their first child than those without

nine men aged between 16 and 59 had been divorced, the survey showed. Men aged 40-49 and women aged 30-49 were the most likely to have been divorced.

that end in separation or divorce within a given period has in-

ers with dependent children.

work has declined.

Fitness

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to class

HEALTH

age of 15 reported long-standing

illnesses, 15 per cent of unskilled manual workers' daughters did so.

A total of 14 per cent of pro-

fessionals' sons in that age group,

however, reported long-standing

THE FAMILY

rising significantly for more than

One in seven women and one in

The proportion of marriages

4 per cent had divorced within six years, compared with 12 per cent of those who married between 1975 and 1979. A total of 66 per cent of married

Provisional figures for 1989

One-parent families are more

The family unit of married couple and children is declining; the map shows the percentage of unmarried couples living together in 1987-8

likely to live in council housing than nuclear families. Throughout the Eighties, however, there was an overall fall in the proportion of households renting from local

own bath or shower, and sole rights on an inside lavatory.

Almost all (98 per cent) house-holds have exclusive use of their

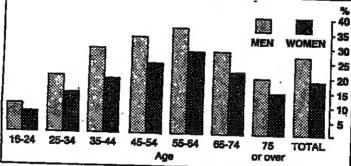
in five people owning shares, according to the general household survey. Only 7 per cent of the popula-tion owned shares in 1984, the year of the British Telecom suffered particularly from respiratory problems. Just under 10 per cent complained of the privatisation and, while the numproblem, a figure not overtaken among men until the 65-74 age bers have since risen by 14 percentage points, Britain's av-

SHARES

THE Thatcherite pledge to create a nation of shareholders has had some success, with more than one die-class man in his early middle

Thatcher pledge on course

Just 6 per cent of unskilled manual workers interviewed said that they owned shares, compared with 43 per cent of professionals. Almost one-third (30 per cent) of share owners had a weekly income of £250 or more, compared with erage shareholder remains a mid- 14 per cent of all adults.



group, where the problem affected 10.3 per cent of those interviewed. Almost twice as many women than men visited their doctors, a pattern that was particularly pronounced in the 16-44 age group, where 17 per cent of women and 8 per cent of men did so. The authors of the survey attributed it to women consulting doctors about pregnancy and family planning. The GHS measured people's perception of their health, said by the authors to be important as it related to the demand for the health service better than

Who has what: share ownership in Britain by age and sex in 1988

professionals' daughters under the Boys under the age of 15 clinical records. Scientists face a tough

'too low' SCIENTISTS relying on the Sir Mark said: "The figures

among girls. While 16 per cent of sons of unskilled manual workers.

search Council for grants can expect a difficult year, Sir Mark Richmond, the council's chairman, said yesterday. Faced with finding £40 mil-

THE government has underestimated spending on financial incentives for people council's income against its expenditure, Sir Mark said opting out of state pensions by £5.9 billion, according to a that research grants and studentships would have to take the strain during the first year. Other expenditures of report from the National Au-

dit Office published yesterday. The report from John Bourn, the Comptroller and the council, on paying sal-aries, running laboratories, Auditor General, shows that four million people decided to and paying annual subscriptake out personal pensions by tions to international organ-April 1990, eight times the isations, could not be reduced number predicted by the quickly enough. government

Since 1988 the option to would have to be deferments cent." contract out of the state or cancellations of big projects earnings-related pension to recover the money for grants and studentships lost scheme to join an occupational pension scheme was this year, he said in an extended to allow employees interview with The Times on to take out personal pensions. Until April 1993 those who the eve of publication of the council's annual report. That join a new contracted-out could mean delays for a new eight-metre optical telescope pension scheme or take out a personal pension get a flat rate rebate off national insurance and for a machine to search for gravitational waves. The contributions, at present 5.8 future of the council's Rutherper cent of carnings, plus a special incentive of 2 per cent ford-Appleton Laboratory was also being looked at. Sir Mark said: "There should be no of earnings. The audit office found that sione unturned."

the social security depart-Science faced severe diffiment's working assumption was that 500,000 people might culties but not a catastrophe. The problem was that the take out personal pensions. increases in spending on science announced in the chancellor's autumn statement -

The elderly: information requirements for supporting the elderly and implications of personal pensions for the National Insurance Fund, report by the Compiroller and Auditor Gen- the Treasury said that they eral (Stationery Office, £6.10)

By MICHAEL HORNSBY

Smithfield Show at Earl's Court,

year in search of grants

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

against their perception of what inflation is, but nobody really believes it buys as much science. The real problem is lion of cuts to match the expenditure outcome has been coupled with an underindexation for inflation and an under-indexation for salaries. We have got to get our spending down by £40

> "Our total spending is £440 million, but £100 million of that is locked up in inter-national subscriptions, so effectively we're talking about The Times today of "severe £40 million from £340 mil- and possibly irreversible dam-

The council's share of the £22 million announced for science last month, which is expected to be about half, will reduce the damage but heavy cuts will still be needed.



Richmond: "We have got to get our spending down."

"We've put a hold on quite Science and Engineering Re- are meticulously correct a large number of research grants until we work out how much we've got to save, and how to do it," Sir Mark said. "I've asked the boards of the that a relatively poor public council to come forward with proposals as to how they would save 10 per cent of their 1992 budgets."

The cries of pain are already to be heard. The chairmen of the nuclear physics and astronomy boards, Alexander Donnachie of Manchester university and Arnold Wolfendale of Durham university, give a warning in a letter to The Times today of "severe In subsequent years there lion, which is about 11 per age" from budget constraints. "The effect on UK science in general will be bad: the effect on our own areas will be singularly so," the two profes-SOTS SAV.

Sir Mark agrees that sciences such as astronomy and nuclear physics face diffi-culties because they spend their money in big blocks. Sir Mark, a molecular biologist and former vice-chancellor of Manchester university, became the council's chairman in October. He believes that calm argument is more likely to convince the government than shrill denunciations.

He said that over the past decade science had fared much better than had the universities. "If you scream blue murder when a large part of the community has been doing much worse, you don't generate many friends."

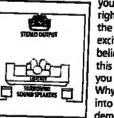
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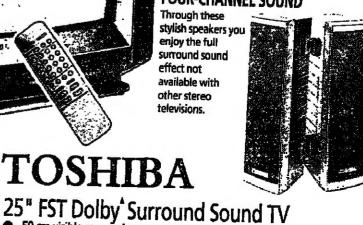
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£22 million for all the research

councils - would not meet

increasing costs, even though

were in line with inflation.

utive disclosed yesterday. "The findings of this survey will surprise many as they surprised me," Carl Boswell, the executive's chief agricultural inspector, said at the Royal

were absent from work as a result of such illness, and 31 per cent had a recurrence

cidents (2) per cent); chest and lung complaints caused by dust (19 per cent); and headaches, nausea and sore throats from handling chemicals.

Ringworm, orf (a cattle and sheep

Job-related illnesses strike disorders and severe fever and

Joanna Wattie, a senior medical employment adviser to the executive, said: "One problem is that GPs are seldom trained in occupational health and may not know what to look for." Mr Boswell said he was concerned by the lack of awareness of occupational health hazards on farms and of people trained in first aid.

An 18-month-old Limouein_Ch

Water chiefs 'tried to cover up poison alert at Camelford'

THE South West Water Au- to drink the water until it was thority supplied its customers with poisoned drinking water truth, Exeter crown court was

The authority, which has supplier, was delivered to the now been succeeded by South Lowermoor water treatment West Water plc, denies endangering public health and polluting the river Camel in July 1988 after 20 tonnes of a tank of water ready to go into aluminium sulphate were the public supply instead of a mistakenly emptied into the chemical storage tank. wrong tank at the Lowermoor treatment works supplying water to the town of Camelford and surrounding villages.

People who drank the water suffered sore mouths and lips, man on duty. He was having diarrhoea and other symptoms. Some still complain of went to the works. Complaints memory ioss and suspect long-

a failure to discover what was authority on notice something actually in the water and after failure to warn the public not were taken that night. The

known what was in it. The public was told the water was safe to drink when it was not." The aluminium sulphate, from the authority's regular

works near Camelford by a relief driver who accidentally discharged the chemical into Mr Gilbert said: "Within

minutes the alarm at to the headquarters in Exeter showed something was wrong. The operator contacted the tea and finished it before he started to come in of foultasting, foul-smelling water, Francis Gilbert, for the black water. People had burns prosecution, said: "From top in their mouths, and hair and to bottom the story is one of fingers stuck together. The bungling and incompetence, a water was curdling tea. These failure by staff to follow their were dramatic complaints own procedures ... There was which should have put the

No samples of the water

next day the cause of complaints was attributed to a fault in a lime pump. Senior officials, without taking samples, decided to flush the system, discharging a million gallons of water into the river Camel, where fish were killed over a 14-kilometre stretch.

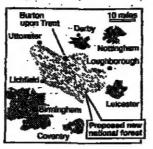
The authority told the public the water was drinkable hoping it would get better, Mr Gilbert said. The "penny dropped" when staff noticed aluminium sulphate tank was low, and the supplier confirmed it had made a delivery.

Mr Gilbert said: "The decision was taken not to tell the public what had happened and not to give them elementary advice to flush out their own tanks... Aluminium sulphate will react with copper pipes and part of the trouble was caused by copper poisoning." The authority finally told the truth 17 days after the

incident when it advertised in a local newspaper admitting the mis-delivery of aluminium sulphate but likened it to lemon juice, Mr Gilbert said. The trial continues today.



the new national forest in the Midlands. Earlier, the forest's first tree had been Ashby, Leicstershire, by Sir George Young, junior environment minister. When it is complete, the forest will cover 150 square miles of Leicestershire, Derbyshire, Warwickshire and Staffordshire. Pam Gilder, of the Countryside



next century we should start to see what looks like a forest developing. We are planting 200, maybe 300 trees, but the

planting today is a very tiny percentage." Sir George, and conservationists in planting the first trees, described the occasion as an istoric landmark. The minister was accompanied by 100 schoolchildren from surrounding districts, Sir Derek Barber chairman of the Countryside Commission and Raymond

Tears from attack case

RUSSELL Bishop, accused of sexually assaulting and attempting to murder a girl aged seven, broke down in tears yesterday as he told of a campaign against him after his acquittal of the murders of two nine-year-old girls.

Mr Bishop, who was found not guilty of the murders three years ago, denied killing the girls but was asked why it was that "policemen, scientists and members of the public think you were guilty". In tears, he pointed to a poster displayed in Brighton which accuses him of being a child killer and asked: "With leaflets like that, what do you

He said in evidence to ewes crown court that he had been harassed by police, that the brake pipes of his car had twice been cut and his home tirebombed after his acquittal of the murders.

Mr Bishop, aged 24, of Lewes Road, Brighton, East Sussex, is alleged by the prosecution to have abducted the seven-year-old girl last February and driven her in the boot of his car to Devil's Dyke where, it is said, he sexually assaulted her before leaving her naked and for dead.

He denies charges of kidnap, attempted murder, attempting to choke the girl and indecent assault. The jury has been told he has an alibi

He told the jury that posters showing his photograph and reading "Russell Bishop. Warning Notice. This man is a child killer" had been displayed all over Sussex before bombed in February 1989. On two occasions the brake piper

on his car had been cut. Mr Bishop, who had left the dock on the 14th day of his trial to give evidence from the witness box, admitted that he had previous convictions for burglary and motoring offences. He admitted that the red Cortina the prosecution alleges he used for the abduction had been stolen, but said it had not been stolen by him. He was asked by Mr Ronald Thwaites, QC, for the defence: Did you abduct the girl, strangle her half to death, strip her naked and sexually assault ber?" He replied: "No sir, I

Mr Bishop said he had not been to Devil's Dyke on the afternoon the girl was kidnapped. The trial was adjourned until today.

Couple man in sex lived with 51 dogs A couple who lived with their

51 starving and ill dogs in one filthy room of their council home were yesterday placed on probation for 12 months. Magistrates at Camberwell south London, disqualified Maurice Swinburn, aged 56, and his wife Daphne, aged 57, of Peckham, south London.

from owning any animal for

life and ordered each of them

to pay £800 costs. The couple admitted at a previous hearing causing unnecessary suffering to the animals. The 51 crossbred terriers were destroyed.

Gunman jailed

Antony Kerr, a suspected member of the Irish People's Liberation Organisation, was jailed in Belgium yesterday for four-and-a-half years for shooting and wounding a policeman. His alleged accomplice, Peter McNally, was sentenced in his absence to two years.

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Father accused

A father was charged yesterday with the murder of his wife and two young children at their home in Ringwood, Hampshire, on Monday afternoon. Totton magistrates re-manded Michael Hall, aged 50, in custody.

Man committed

Robert Miller, a financier of central London, was committed for trial at Southwark crown court yesterday charged with 30 offences under the theft act in connection with the collapse of

Peace plea

Families of terrorist victims. politicians and churchmen vesterday called for an end to the violence in Northern Ireland in letters to the Sinn Fein headquarters in Dublin and the Ulster Defence Association headquarters in Belfast.

Home comforts

A £13 million barracks was opened yesterday at Catterick garrison, North Yorkshire, offering servicemen greater privacy and comfort.

Bond winner

The £250,000 National Savings premium bond prize for December has been won by the holder of bond number 19XN 909728, from County Durham.

England just miss chess silver medal

By RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

AFTER a disappointing final- best individual performance round draw against Cuba, of the entire olympics. The England saw the silver medals (which they had won in 1984, 1986 and 1988) slip through their grasp. The 29th Chess Olympics at Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, ended with the customary victory by the Soviet Union, with 39 points out of a possible total of 56.

England shared second position with the United States on 351/2 but the US had faced stronger teams, which gave them the silver medal on tie break. England had been leading the US by one point before the final round, but they succeeded in snatching defeat from the jaws of victory when John Nunn lost his game, while the US crushed Bulgaria

by three points to one.

Other leading scores in the 107-nation competition were: Czechoslovakia, 34½; Yugo- He won the individual gold slavia, China and Cuba all 33; medal for his board with six West Germany, Iceland, India, Sweden, The Netherlands and Yugoslavia B all 32½; Scotland, 31½; Wales 30; Ireland 28; Channel Islands 24.

There was some consolation for England's disappointment at failing to seize the team's silver medals. Grandmaster Murray Chandler, from London, made the superb individual score of nine points from idual silver medal on board five. He also took the individnal silver medal for the second

gold medal for the best personal performance was won by Grandmaster Robert Hubner, of West Germany, while the bronze medal for individual performance went to Vassily Ivanchuk, of the first board of the Soviet team. In the women's competition Hungary, with a team dominated by the three Polgar sisters of Budapest, won the gold medals on tie break ahead of the Soviet Union. Scores were: Hungary 35 out of 42; Soviet Union 35; China 29: Bulgaria 26: Yugoslavia 25; US 241/2; England, Greece and Romania 24; Scotland 22; Ireland 201/2; and Wales 20. in the men's competition

there was an outstanding performance by Iolo Jones's board six of the Welsh team. points from seven possible.
The English performance was slightly dis-

appointing and questions will be asked whether the right team was fielded at crucial moments. For example, in the final-round match against Cuba was it right to field John Nunn when he had only just lost a game in the previous round against Iceland.? An extra half point against Cuba would have made England's fourth consecutive silver

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Gorbachev to root out food shop profiteers

From Associated Press in Moscow

PRESIDENT Gorbachev has crease food supplies from promised to root out black domestic and overseas severe shortages this winter. A flour, sugar, vegetable oil, survey of 50 state stores found margarine, meat, milk prodthat when they close, they have a third shift" during which employees sell food illegally, Mr Gorbachev sold

parliament vesterday.

Shop assistants often set aside choice goods to sell later at inflated prices and pocketed additional profits.

Within the next two or three weeks, we think we can control the situation," Mr Gorbachev said. He added that he was planning to in-

Securitate files are taken over

Bucharest - Romania's justice ministry said yesterday it was taking over thousands of files from the former Securitate, the secret police of the executed dictator Nicolae Ceausescu, A spokesman said about 150,000 files were being taken over because they were directly related to the work of the ministry.

Opposition newspapers and groups have been demanding that the files and activities of the Securitate be made public. At the height of Ceausescu's power the organisation had 70,000 agents. (Reuter)

Liner damaged

Saint-Nazaire - Fire destroyed the forward section of Monarch of the Seas, a new US-Norwegian Royal Caribbean Cruise line luxury ship being readied at a shipyard here for sea trials on December 21. The yard's manager said the ship's stern and most of its machinery were un-damaged (AFP)

Mir rendezvous

Moscow - The spacecraft carrying Toychiro Akiyama, a journalist aged 48, and two ed with the orbiting Soviet space station, Mir. Mr Akiyama is the first journalist and first Japanese to go into space. (Reuter)

Fans defect

Oslo - Two dozen Romanian volleyball supporters refused to return home after a European Cup match and some applied for political asylum, police said here. The group, travelling with the Universitatea Craiova team, failed to turn up for a charter flight home. (AP)

Taxing business Catania - Sicilian shopkeepers and businessmen who have to pay protection money to the Mafia on top of taxes, have suggested that extortion should be a tax-deductible

marketeering of food in a sources, and he had secured programme designed to case loans and credits to import ucts and eggs.

The government was also stepping up its construction programme for food processing, and would set aside 12 million acres for "individual farming" in an attempt to increase domestic production, Mr Gorbachev said. He did not specify what types of food processing industries would be developed, or whether the additional land for individual farming would be owned by private farmers or collective

On Monday, the parliament of the Russian federation approved a measure allowing private land ownership, but the national legislature has not taken that step. The United States, Germany and Italy have begun sending food aid to the Soviet Union, and other Western and Asian countries have promised support. Soviet officials blame dis-tribution difficulties for the increasing number of empty shelves in shops. Mr Gorbachev also for-

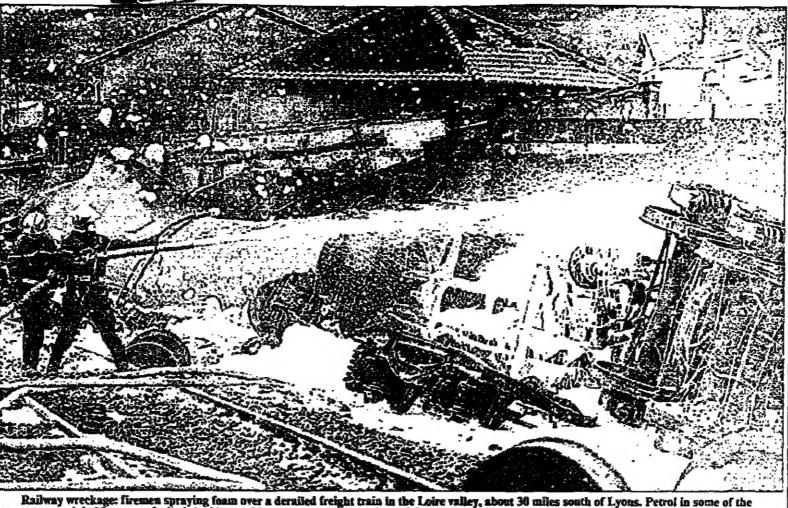
mally proposed to the Soviet parliament a number of constitutional amendments to reorganise his government by creating a vice-presidency, abolishing his presidential council and giving more power to an advisory board representing the 15 republics. The reforms await approval by the Congress of People's Deputies, which is to sit on

December 12.
OSLO: President Gorbachev has named Anatoli Kovalyov, a deputy foreign minister, to receive the Nobel Peace Prize on his behalf here next Monday, the Nobel institute announced yesterday. Mr Gorbachev said last

week he would postpone his visit to Norway because of developments at home which prevented him from being absent from the Soviet Union, even for one day. The award ceremony takes

place on the December 10 anniversary of the birth, in 1833, of Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite, who founded the prize. On Mr Gorbachev's behalf Mr Kovalyov will receive a bronze cheque for four million Swedish crowns (£375,000).

Arriving in Oslo on Satarday, Mr Kovalyov will stay for four days meeting, among others, Gro Harlem others, Gro Harlem Brundtland, the prime min-ister, and Thorvald Stoltenberg, her foreign minister. The Nobel committee hopes Mr Gorbachev will visit Norway next May to deliver the traditional Nobel lecture. Since the first award in 1901, wives, ambassadors and friends have, on several occasions, stood in for prize winners. Yelena Bonner, the wife of Andrei Sakharov, the dissident Soviet physicist, accepted his peace prize in



Railway wreckage: firemen spraying foam over a derailed freight train in the Loire valley, about 30 miles south of Lyons. Petrol in some of the train's 22 wagons fuelled the blaze, which raged out of control for eight hours, destroying four homes. There were no casualties

Liberals give Kohl ultimatum

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DESPITE his election triumph, Helmut Kohl will not be re-elected as chancellor if he refuses to adopt a plan by the liberal Free Democrats for making eastern Germany into a low-tax area, Count Otto Lambsdorff, the party leader, makes clear in an interview with Bild, published today.

The chancellor needs the support of the 79 FDP Bundestag members in order to command a majority with his Christian Democrats (CDU), and Count Otto started a first round of negotiations with Herr Kohl on forming a new coalition yesterday, determined to have his way.

If the FDP's tax plan was not accepted then Herr Kohl would not have the party's support when the Bundestag meets in Berlin on December

per cent on company tax in eastern Germany, compared with the top level of 65 per cent in the west. Individual income tax levels for anyone working in the east would also be reduced by between 20 and 25 per cent, whether or not they chose to actually live in

afternoon did not know if they

still had a leader. On Monday

Petar Beron, the head of the

Union of Democratic Forces

tion to resign" amid allega-

ia's years of communism. In a

widely disbelieved statement

Mr Beron, who is the UDF

candidate for prime minister,

police informer during Bulgar- police spy.

panies deciding to set up a then met Count Otto for a first conference in May. business in eastern Germany, Herr Kohl derided this plan during the election as being no more than a leftover from the years that the FDP spent in government with the Social Democratic Party. "That's what they get from lying in the same bed as socialists for so Germany without any in-

long," he told election rallies. Count Otto, however, said yesterday that he was determined to push the plan through. He said the FDP believed this was the surest way to attract investment quickly and also minimise the tax burden on the local population without forcing up salaries and inflation.

The tax idea also has the

support of Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the foreign minister and the FDP's dominent 20 to pick the chancellor for the next four years.

The FDP plan, outlined in Bild, is to put a ceiling of 40 ger than before, it was not necessarily seeking more ministries. What the FDP wanted was to introduce priorities for the speedy development of the east, including making it a low-tex area

Herr Kohl had talks yes-terday with Theo Waigel, leader of the Christian Social

Bulgarian opposition left in

disarray as party leader goes

From TIM JUDAH IN SOFIA

Beron's "intention to resign"

yet. They said they had seen

The main source of the

allegations is Dr Konstantine

Trenchev, the leader of the

independent trade union Pod-

sition party MPs yesterday career as a scientist". He then

(UDF), announced his "inten- meant that he had not gone

tions that he had been a secret no proof that he had been a

left for Italy. ·

round of bargaining over ministries and coalition politics. Figures released during the day helped to support the chancellor's election claim that it would be possible to pay for restructuring eastern

crease in taxation levels. The figures, covering the third quarter of the year, show the economy growing at 5.5 per cent, higher than at any time since 1976. At the same time unemployment in the west over the quarter was
122,000 less than in the same
period last year. The main
factor in this growth has been
the enormous demand for
consumer goods after German

economic union on July 1. While Herr Kohl set about building a government for the next four years, the SPD was struggling to find a someone capable of leading them in the forlorn period of opposition

Its candidate in the election, Oskar Lafontaine, announced that he was determined to plunge back into local state politics in his native Saarland, and Hans-Jochen Vogel, the party chairman for the past four years, said he would the west. The tax relief would Union, the Bavarian sister definitely not be seeking realso apply to foreign com- party of the CDU. The two election at the next party

son to sue This came as a double blow to the party, which needs strong leadership to hold it

VITTORIO, oldest son of Mussolini, the second world war fascist dictator, has been granted leave to sue the Italian state railway and the mayor of

in Italy, has never been satisfactorily explained. However, a plaque at the station listing the names of the 85 people killed attributes their deaths to "an act of fascist

Last July the sentences of several right-wingers con-victed of staging the attack were quashed after new evi-dence failed to link them to it. Signor Mussolini then asked the Bologna authorities if they would remove the word fascist from the plaque. Not surprisingly, he is highly sensitive to inaccurate uses of the term

back to the Saariand, where he created has built an impressive power His lawyers said yesterday base, rather than stay on in Bonn. Herr Vogel, however, who is tired after leading the party since he lost to Herr Kohl in 1987, had expected to be able to stand down in favour of the chancellor candidate and the party believed that Herr Lafontaine would in the end be dragooned into

accepting According to Reinhold Kopp, one of Herr Lafontaine's closest advisors in the Saarland, it is still quite possible that he may go back into national politics.

together after a third consec-

utive election defeat if it is to

mount a credible challenge to

Helmut Kohl and his Chris-

tian Democrats in four years'

paign which drew harsh criti-

cism from SPD elder

chancellor, Helmut Schmidt,

there is talk of a serious split

opening in the party if some-

one does not take a firm hand

For all the controversy

surrounding him, Herr Lafon-

taine remains the party's

dominent thinker and his

campaign has committed the

SPD in opposition to fight for

new measures to protect the

environment through taxation

as the number one priority.

This idea found favour with

the bulk of the working

population since exit polls

showed that the majority of

voters in the 25 to 39 age

group voted SPD, even if the

youngest voters of all sup-ported Herr Kohl's unifica-

Herr Lafontaine had always

that if he lost he would a

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timately inaccurate sense, the Bologna authorities were committing an "act of defamation" against the family of Mussolini. The Bologna magistrate, Bruno Ciccone, agreed, ruling that Signor Mussolini could pursue a legal course to remove the word from the plaque.

The decision was hailed by finally over.

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Mussolini

From RICHARD BASSETT IN ROME

Bologna for describing the bombing of Bologna railway station in 1980 as a fascist act. The bombing, like so many terrorist acts of the late 1970s

that by using the term fascist in a broad, general and ul-

many as conclusive evidence that "irrational antipathy" to the legacy of Mussolini was

to vote on EC reform IN COPENHAGEN

Danes

From Christopher Follet

WITH a general election due a week from today, Denmark's political parties have broadly agreed to hold a national referendum in the first half of 1992 on European Community plans for social, economic and political integration.

Shortly before losing the

Conservative leadership conlest, Margaret Thatcher called for a referendum in Britain to decide whether it would ahandon the pound in favour of a single European currency, a key element in the Delors plan for monetary union. The issue raised by the then prime minister was widely seen as unsuitable for a referendum.

Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, the Liberal foreign minister, said yesterday in an interview in Borsen. Denmark's leading financial daily newspaper, that the referendum would be needed because the election had been brought forward to next week, following the col-lapse of negotiations last month between the 30-monthold Conservative-Liberal government and the opposition Social Democrats on a state budget for 1991, and an economic reform package. The interview also reported Ritt Bjerregaard, a former Social Democratic education minister and now the party's foreign policy spokeswoman, as agreeing with Mr Ellemann-Jensen on holding the referendum.

The timing of the election. which opinion polls forecast as being a close-run affair between the ruling centre-right groups and the opposition, will make it difficult for Denmark to decide on key European economic and monetary union issues at the twoday Rome summit, due to

start next Friday.

The parties agreement means parliament has the consensus it needs for the vote. Denmark has so far held two referendums on Europe. In 1972, two-thirds of Danes endorsed EC membership along with Britain and Ire-land; and in 1986 they voted 56 per cent in favour of Luxembourg reforms design-ed to pave the way for the Single European Act.

Denmark, long one of the most lukewarm community members and second only to Britain in its scepticism about Europe, nas recenti gone a sea change in its attitude. The breaching of the Berlin Wall concentrated Danish minds on Europe, remanding them of the danger of an all-powerful German neighbour and rekindling bitter memories of the loss of Schleswig-Holstein to Prussia in 1864 and the nazi occupa-tion of 1940-5.

The change of attitude re-flects economic realities, as well as a general consens that EC institutions should be strengthened, to guarantee that the united Germany is firmly anchored in an integrated Europe.

said that he wanted to resign krepa. Dr Trenchev said: business expense. (Reuter) Russian deputies warned of economic slump

THE Russian federation faces increased autonomy from the early easing in the acute a big drop in oil exports and declining output of coal, timber and some key metals, according to a report pre-sented to its legislators as they gathered to press for greater economic independence.

Russia's state committee on the economy, indicates the lion this year, presumably extent of the breakdown in owing in part to the end of central planning and the chaos that may ensue as the largest Europe. Soviet republic lurches towards a market economy.

Russian Congress of People's electricity, basic chemicals sian prosecutor, and Russian Deputies as the republic's and consumer goods, but Ivan government, headed by Boris Silayev, the Russian prime Yeltsin, sought a mandate for minister, issued a warning from military to civilian a radical economic course and that there would not be an production.

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From BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

central Soviet authorities. The report gives a warning

that its predictions may not take full account of inflation, and predicts a 3 per cent drop in Russia's national income next year. Other black spots The document, prepared by include a dive in exports to 71 million tonnes from 120 milsubsidised sales to Eastern

The report projects init was presented to the tion and the output of Union, an independent Rus-

shortages of consumer goods.

Mr Silayev, a respected moderate, deplored the central Soviet authorities' financial profligacy. He said Russia's textile industry was "paralysed" because foreign suppliers, fearful of bad debts, had suspended deliveries.

He called for the republic to retain a much bigger share of export earnings. He also wanted a Russian say in energy and transport policies creases in housing construc- affecting the whole Soviet control over the scores of factories now being switched



Yeltsin: may have to help shore up the economy

BULGARIA'S main oppo- so that he could "return to his "Beron was known to the secret police by the codename Bontcho'. The UDF agreed to Yesterday, despondent nominate him as prime min-UDF MPs argued that Mr ister, but two weeks ago an article appeared in the socialist newspaper Duma which said that socialist leaders knew who 'Bontcho' was. From then on he understood that it was impossible for him to stay on in this position. Bontcho' is Beron. Last week Dr Trenchev's

trade union movement began a general strike which brought down the government of Andrei Lukanov. The UDF and the socialists are now negotiating a form of coalition government. While some opposition figures, such as the militantly anti-socialist Dr Trenchev, are known to be against the coalition, others, including Mr Beron, want to participate. The UDF leader has also made known his ambition to be prime minister.

Parliament in Sofia was last night awash with rumours. One UDF MP, Krassen Stanchev, suggested that the party leader was the victim. not of a socialist plot, nor the casualty of his known disagreements with Dr Trenchev. but had been pushed by erstwhile colleagues who wanted to replace him with a more hardline anti-socialist party leader.

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Parisian tempers in over-drive at new speed limit From PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

THESE are desperate times for the motorists of Paris, whose comprehensive lack of respect for the code of the road sets them apart, even in a nation of famously dangerous drivers. Last weekend a new inner-city speed limit of 50kph (30mph) came into effect: at the same time, the use of rear seat

belts became compulsory for most As sensible Parisians freely concede over the dinner table, both those measures, which now apply in all French towns of any size, make compelling sense. Their combined compelling sense. Their the carnage effect could be to reduce the carnage on the nation's roads by up to 1,000 on the nation's roads by up to 1,000 on the nation's roads in Strasbourg. St

wheel and they are transformed into snarting, speed-mad bullies whose "75" number plate is rightly feared throughout the land. The idea that they, of all people, should be restricted to a piffling 50kph and obliged to waste a few seconds on every journey clunk-clicking in the back seat is perceived as intolerable.

Thus, experimenting lawfully on one of the main avenues the Sunday the new limit was introduced, your correspondent ran the gauntlet of hooting, headlight flashing and the vivid gestures that Parisians reserve for those who get in their way. A French reporter who tried sticking to 50kph on the first working day fared

prefect of Paris, it was originally intended to apply the reduced limit to the periphérique that encircles the capital. When not jammed solid, it is a daunting racetrack, almost every yard of which carries ommous skid marks. On mature reflection, M Verbrugghe decided, "it would have been very

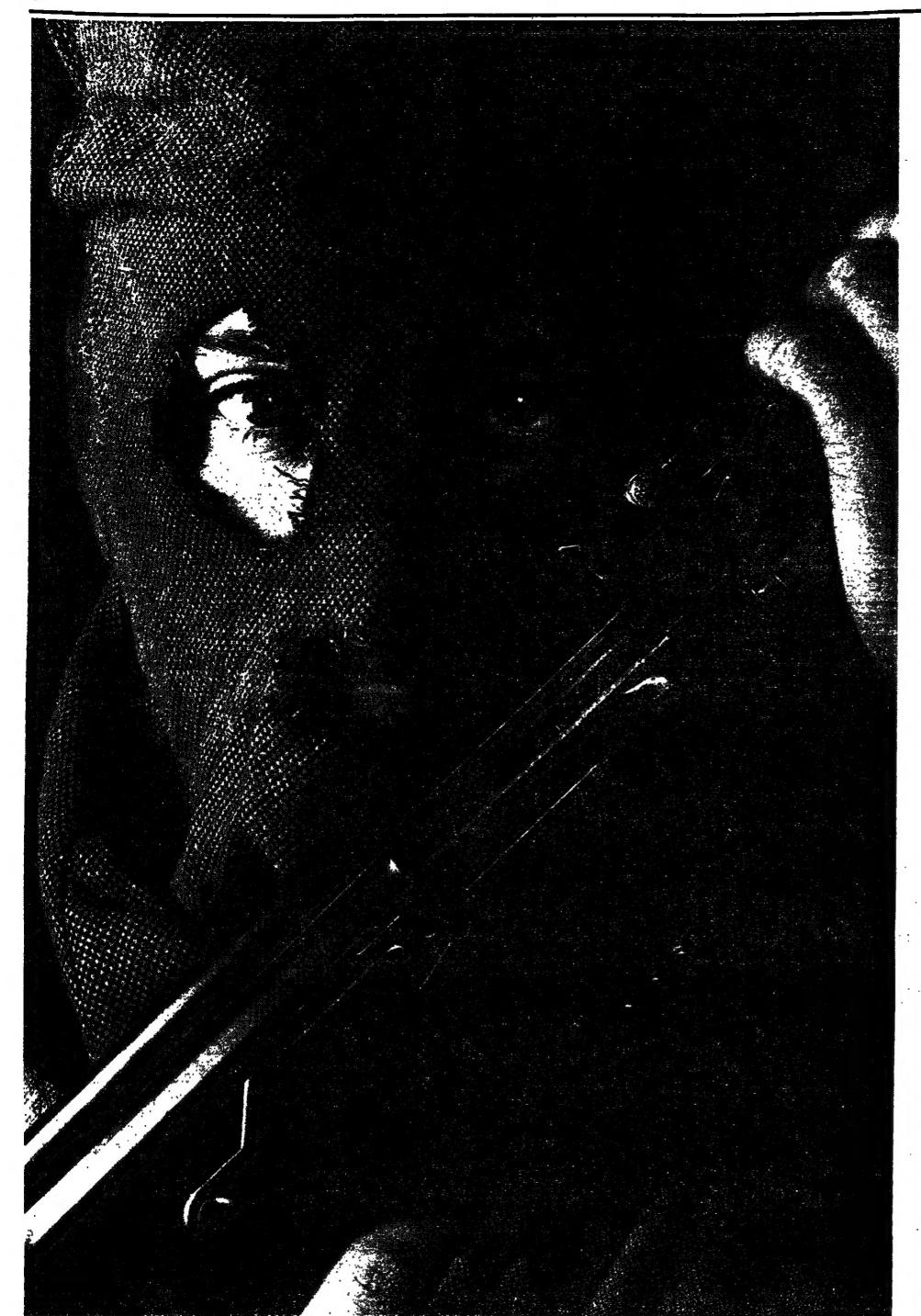
difficult to obtain respect for 50kph". The rear sent belt law is also straining tempers. Not far from The Times office, one offender almost came to blows with the policeman booking him - minimum fine 150 francs (£15). He was adament that there had been no advance warning about this insufferable regulation. In fact, Paris has been plastered

with posters announcing its introduc-

think I'm going to spend my life in first gear?" demanded the driver of a Porsche caught speeding near the Arc de Triomphe (minimum penalty 1,300 francs). Although the police chief has

promised "implacable" application of the latest measures, doubts persist. The concept of good citizenship is not deeply rooted in the average Parisian soul. Drivers still stamp on the gas whenever the traffic clears momentarily, and still menace pedestrians with rubber-burning getaways at the lights. More people are now being killed on foot in Paris than in cars.

As for seat belts in the back, the fine is levied not on drivers but on the offending passenger (taxis included).



CAN YOU IMAGINE LOOKING AT LIFE THROUGH HIS EYES?

Who is he? This man who dares not show his face? Is he Palestinian, or Irish, Iranian, German or British?

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The British Army has a great deal of experience of what we call 'counterrevolutionary' warfare. We fought terror in Palestine, Malaya, Aden and Cyprus. We served as part of the Multi National Force in the Lebanon. And, of course, there's Northern Ireland.

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So when you're out on patrol you'll sense when something is amiss. It could be some tiny deviation from the norm. The children aren't around. There are no windows open on the street. A woman who normally says hello is silent.

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مكذا من الأصل King promises short sharp victory if Gulf war comes

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A GULF war would result in a short sharp, quick" victory for the allies, Tom King, the defence secretary, said yesterday in the face of warnings by Labour backbenchers that a military conflict would result in widespread loss of life.

MPs also heard a stark warning from the defence secretary of more defence cuts and job losses in the wake of the ending of the cold war. Ministers expressed their annoyance that two councils, Helston and Gosport, had not heeded government advice to exempt servicemen posted to the Gulf from the poll tax.

James Lamond, Labour MP for Oldham Central and Royton, said that ministers were seriously considering an attack that would result in the

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Anti-nazi bill will proceed

The government is to proceed with the bill paving the way for the prosecution of alleged Nazi war criminals living in this country, the prime minister said at question time.

John Major said that the bill, which was thrown out by the Lords earlier this year, would be pre-sented to the House with amendments that MPs would wish to study.

Law reform decision

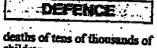
A bill to end the present situation in which a person found unfit to plead is detained indefinitely in a psychiatric hospital, whether or not guilty of the offence charged, is to be sponsored by John Greenway, Conservative MP for Ryedale, wito has won a place in the ballot for private members' bills. The billhas been drafted by the Law Society and Mr government support.

Waddington takes seat

David Waddington, the former home secretary, who. was made Lord Privy Seal and leader of the House of Lords in the government changes last week. took his seat yesterday as Lord Waddington.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Questions: Trade and industry. Debate on an Opposition motion on abolition of the

poll tax. Lords (2.30): Debates on a bill of rights, on land use, and on the route of the Naseby battlefield.



about the possible use of force. But Martin O'Neill, the Oppo-sition's chief defence spokes-

man, wanted a "kick up the backside" for British Telecom

and Mercury. They had failed

to provide cheap and adequate telephone links to Saudi

Arabia so that the 30,000

troops in the area could keep

in touch with their loved ones.

grateful to the telephone com-

panies for what they were

doing. But there were bound

to be problems when so many people tried to ring home

Archie Hamilton, the

armed forces minister, said he

was pleased that the great majority of councils had

heeded government advice to

remove servicemen posted to

the Gulf from community

said that such decisions

should not be left to the whim

of local authorities. Councils

would be reluctant to keep

such exemptions going year after year and losing revenue from tens of thousands of

He suggested that the de-fence ministry should pick up the bill. Mr Hamilton said that

the matter would be covered

by the review of the commu-

nity charge now being under-

taken. He appealed to councils

to exempt troops serving

Farlier, Mr King spoke of

more defence cuts on the way

as a result of the Options for

Change review. Up to 5,000

jobs are already in jeopardy at

"loss of jobs dividend".

charge payers.

around Christmas Day.

Mr King said he was "now"

children. Dave Nellist, Labour MP for Coventry South East, told Mr King that "blood and oil do not mix". There would be a bloodbath on both sides if force were used.

He cited the fears expres by Brigadier Patrick Cordingley, commander of the Desert Rats, and Major Ewan Loudon, his chief of staff, that an assault by the 1st Armoured Division on Iraqi positions would lead to heavy British casualties. Mr Nellist maintained that Brigadier Cordingley was bracing himself for a casualty rate of 15 per cent among his men, or 4,500

Amid noisy scenes in the charge registers. But it was Commons, Mr Nellist said very disappointing that Gos-port and Heiston had ignored that an increasing number of people in Britain did not believe that such bloodshed the advice. James Hill, Conservative MP for Southampton Test, was warranted.

Mr King said Mr Nellist had committed an error by equat-ing casualties with fatalities. He would not "bandy figures around", but the extra troops being sent to the Gulf by Britain and its allies should be seen as an attempt to minimise loss of life.

"These (the extra troops) are precisely to ensure that if the military option had to be used, which nobody wants to see, it will be short, sharp and quick, and the casualties on the allied side will be kept to a

Mr King said that if Mr Nellist cared about avoiding casualties, he should turn "one-eighth of his volume" on Baghdad and urge President Saddam Hussein to withdraw

British Aerospace, partly be-cause of the cancellation by Conservative MPs supthe defence ministry of an order for 33 Tornado fighter ported the defence secretary in his insistence that if President aircraft. There was more dis-Saddam did not yield to ecoappointment to come for nomic and diplomatic presmany MPs and their constitsure, force would have to be uents, Mr King said. They had to realise that the peace dividend could turn out to be a

The Labour frombench did not contest Mr King's remarks



Eye to eye: Kenneth Clarke, education secretary, with staff nurse Helen Atkinson at the Royal Marsden Hospital, west London, yesterday. The minister was told about research and health education at the hospital

Monetary union wins full Ashdown support

By Philip Werster, Chief Political Correspondent

PADDY Ashdown gave unqualified support yesterday to European monetary union and a single European cur-rency amid renewed evidence of misgivings in the Labour party over the leadership's backing for much closer European integration.

Mr Ashdown attacked the confused positions of the Conservative and Labour leaderships which he alleged were designed to keep their troops marching roughly in the same direction.

At the same time, Peter Shore, the veteran Labour anti-marketeer, described his party's new policy document on monetary union as disturbingly inadequate and Francis Maude, Treasury financial secretary, again emphasised the government's opposition am convinced that what we to an imposed single currency. are about to create will not In a letter to The Times today, Mr Shore calls himp structure ... Europe will not

nity partners want to move towards full union and a single currency and "Labour believes that it would not be in the national interest if Britain allowed itself to be excluded from such developments".

Mr Ashdown, speaking in London, said that while Westminster engaged in its paro-chial disputes about the nature of sovereignty and the ogres of federalism the rest of Europe was constantly moving on and deciding this country's future without it. He accused Labour leaders of verbal and intellectual gymnastics, saying that the new policy paper was carefully laced with so many conditions that would be unacceptable to Britain's EC

partners as to make it a meaningless commitment. He said that under Labour's plans the central bank would finance ministers and com-mitted to growth strategies that were quite unsuited to its objective of price stability and sound money. While the Con-servatives said that any form of monetary union would be unacceptable to the British Parliament, Labour ensured that its form of monetary union would be unacceptable to all the other parliaments.

Mr Ashdown said that the advantages of monetary union were compelling it would make trade and cross-border capital flows easier, improve the efficiency of European capital movements, and make the City a force for constructive investment. It would also give to the British economy the ballast of a counter-inflation policy that it had lacked in past years.

union was no easy option.
"Monetary union will force

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Britain to face its poor economic record. It will force us to address the problems of skill shortages and inadequate educational standards. It will force us to fund the right investments in our transport and other infrastructure projects. The days of wishful thinking are over. The days of hard

thinking will have to start." Turning to political union, Mr Ashdown said that the European debate must stop being one about the power of nations, and start to be one about the entitlement of citizens.

He was not afraid to use the look like any existing federal and supine a passage in the be a nation state writ large. It now policy that states that will not be like the United not ready economically for a sense. Europe will embody a a long time before it was. unique set of political and economic relationships." He

wanted a Community that enabled more decisions to be taken at the lowest level of government. He said that if the forthcoming inter-governmental conferences were to succeed, they must place at their heart the rights of the European citizen. Only then would they "give us the chance to make Europe live

Mr Maude told a conference in London that Britain was not prepared to commit itself to an imposed single currency. It would lead to a "massive" pooling of sovereignty with decision-taking and monetary policy moving away from London. "No one can say that will never happen but we need word "federal" to describe to be persuaded that the what might be coming, "But I advantages of the single currency are great enough to outweigh the disadvantages," he said at the conference on EMU organised by the Centre

single currency and it might be

for our citizens and voters".

Field for committee

FRANK Field (Birkenhead Lab) is expected to be elected chairman of the Commons select committee on social security next week and Sir David Price (Eastleigh, C) is favourite to be chairman of the health committee. The two new committees replace the social services committee and will shadow the work of the health department and the social security department.

Members of the social secrity committee will be Mr Field, Andrew Bennett (Lab), Jeremy Corbyn (Lab), Stephen Day (C), Tony Favell (C), Robert Hughes (C), Ian McCartney (Lab), Patrick Nicholls (C) and Gary Waller (C). Another Conservative and a representative from one of the smaller parties have still to be appointed.

The health committee will include Tom Clarke (Lab), Jerry Hayes (C), Roger Sims (C), Audrey Wise (Lab), David Hinchliffe (Lab), Alice Mahon (Lab), And (C), James Couchman (C), Sir David Price, Nicholas Win-terton (C) and the Rev Martin Smyth (UU).

Welsh **Tories** elect **Grist**

By OUR CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

DEFIANCE

WELSH Conservative MPs sent a defiant signal to the prime minister last night over his decision to dismiss Ian Grist, junior minister at the Welsh Office.

They elected Mr Grist as chairman of their parliamentary group as a mark of solidarity with him in the wake of his replacement by Nicholas Bennett, MP for

John Major's decision to dismiss Mr Grist has been criticised as a blunder by the Welsh Tories because it left open the interpretation that it was retaliation against them for backing Michael Heseltine. Sir Anthony Meyer, MP for Clywd North-West, had been due to become chairman of the group last night but stepped aside for Mr Grist.

Most of the seven Weish Tory MPs were on record as backing Mr Heseltine and David Hunt, the Welsh secretary, was the only cabinet minister to support him.

Mr Hunt attempted to defuse the dispute yesterday by stating that he had recommended Mr Bennett for promotion.

That statement surprised Welsh Tories, but they noted that Mr Hunt had not said that he had recommended Mr Grist's removal. Downing Street sources said that Mr Hunt and Mr Major had consulted over the team of Welsh ministers and that Mr Major was determined to bring on new talent.

Mr Hunt said that sugge tions that Mr Bennett was brought in because of Mr Grist's support for Mr Heseltine were a misunderstanding

Mr Grist, MP for Cardiff Central, has said he was "miffed" to lose his job as parliamentary under secretary of state. Mr Bennett, aged 41, was a prominent member of Mr Major's party leadership campaign team.

Mr Grist, who had been one of the three Welsh Office ministers, said last night that he was "the most sackable of the three leaves on the tree". Asked whether he was dismissed because he backed Mr It was that and the need to find a reward for the diligence of my replacement, a little bit

Kinnock's private treatment

NEIL Kinnock has received private medical treatment for a neck injury, it emerged minister to scrap the opt-out scheme for NHS hospitals. yesterday after question time exchanges in the Commons in

He accompanied his call by a reference to treatment Mr which he championed the National Health Service. Major has received for a leg injury and for a wisdom tooth The disclosure was made after John Major, the prime minister, appeared to allude to

Mr Major responded that that NHS's future was entirely the fact when he said: "Unlike some Labour MPs, I unfailsecure, with increased fundingly use the NHS". ing, as it had been for the past A spokesman for the Labour leader said later that the osteopathic treatment for the continue to be.

injury sustained playing rugby more than 20 years ago was

uency, and asking him to "make a start" by convincing his own constituents about its future. Waiting lists there had

Mr Major said: "Self-gov-ernment is being proposed by the consultants and staff in affection of all the people of the area."

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doubled in the past two years, Mr Kinnock said.

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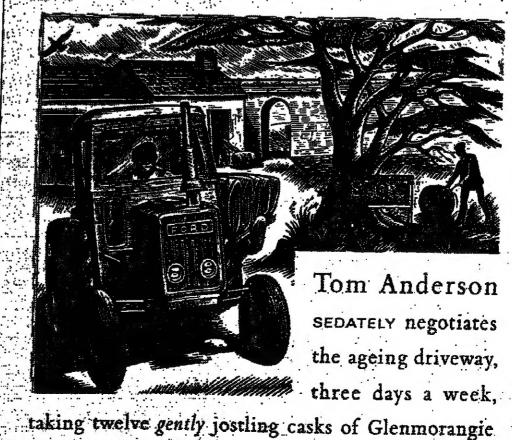
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MP battles on for better hours

By ROBERT MORGAN, PARLIAMENTARY STAFF

raham Allen, the Labour MP for Nottingham North, is renewing his campaign to reform the constitution and the workings of

He had hoped that a new prime minister might mean a new broom ready to sweep away existing practices and rules. But his first foray ended in disappointment when he found that parliamentary questions tabled to John Major were swiftly transferred to other

ministers for reply. Tomorrow, Mr Allen will be putting three bills before the Commons in an attempt to establish a bill of rights, a attempt to establish and abolition of written constitution and abolition of

sals involves a separation of powers of bave time at their Whitehall desks. the constitution under which the prime

minister and the judiciary are separate from the legislature, as in America. In Britain, he points out, all appointments in effect are in the gift of the prime minister of the day.

Mr Allen also wants the Commons to sit "proper hours", from 11.30am until 7pm. He has tabled again motions that he put forward in the last session of Parliament to change the sitting time.

At present, MPs meet at 2.30pm and, although the sitting is supposed to end at 10.30, the standing order is suspended on most days to allow debates to so on into the night. Opponents of the changes argue that afternoon sit-

However, with many committees now sitting in the afternoon, part of the argument falls. An experiment with morning sittings in the Sixties, introduced by the late Richard Crossman, was an abject failure. MPs found that not only did they not have mornings free for other work, but they were also detained just as late at night.

r Allen is not wildly optimistic that his radical proposals for the constituion or Parliament will find favour with the government, although he does have an ally in Douglas Hurd. The foreign secretary said during the leadership

France hints at readiness to break ranks over Kuwait

IN a significant departure from allied policy on the Gulf, Pierre Chevenèment, the French defence minister, yesterday hinted that Kuwait's borders might be re-drawn if President Saddam Hussein would first agree to pull his

troops out of the country.

Roland Dumas, the French
foreign minister, who is closer to
President Mitterrand and more fluential than the defence minister, echoed M Chevenèment's, call for an international con-ference on the Middle East if the Gulf confrontation was peacefully resolved. America and Britain have refused to link such a conference directly to any negotia-

Since President Saddam has made frequent demands for a broad-ranging international con-ference on the Middle East, France's assertion that there should be "finkage" between any settlement with Iraq and wider issues such as the Palestinian question will cause concern among her Western allies.

The ambiguities of French policy since the confrontation began have previously raised questions

UN vote queried by Moscow deputies

From Mary Dejevsky

THE Soviet foreign minister, Eduard Shevardnadze, agreed yes-terday to appear before the Soviet parliament to answer compositionally he had acted unconstitutionally ment to answer charges that when he cast the Soviet vote at the United Nations Security Council last week, but asked for time to

The mainly conservative Soyu: (union) group of deputies had claimed that his vote amounted to Soviet approval for the use of military force in the Guif, something which, it said, needed the approval of the Soviet parliament.

Earlier Vitali Churkin, the foreign ministry spokesman, issued a statement clarifying the Soviet position on the use of military force outside Soviet borders and denying that Mr Shevardnadze

He quoted Mr Shevardnadze as saying there was no question of Soviet troops being deployed in the Gulf or elsewhere without the approval of parliament. However, there was one exception: "If a single Soviet citizen in Iraq comes to any harm, then the situation will become very serious. Then, we may act without the sanction of the Soviet parliament."



Shevardnadze: accused of acting unconstitutionally

about the true objectives of the government's strategy. Only two days ago, M Dumas mused aloud about the possibility of going to Baghdad after the planned visit of James Baker, the US Secretary of State, later this month.

M Chevenement, who has been criticised for his past membership of a Franco-Iraqi friendship soci-ety, said that an Iraqi agreement to withdraw from Kuwait would open the way to discussing the "modalities" of adjusting the map of the contested frontier. "There is a territorial dispute and a financial dispute," he said on French television late on Monday night. "Some good geographers have already studied what could be the shape of frontiers that, you must admit, are mostly very recent ... there is a matter here for dis-

According to the defence minister, whom some see as the French government's main "dove" on the Gulf confrontation, agreement by Baghdad to leave Kuwait would open the way for a UN peace-keeping force to be deployed there, followed by an deployed there, followed by an international conference on the region's problems. "If there is a chance to avoid war, we must grasp it," he said, echoing President Mitterrand's observation in September that "everything would become possible" after an Iraqi mathdeposi.

M Dumas's observations in Paris yesterday will be studied particularly closely, since he is one of President Mitterrand's closest advisers. He told the parliament of the Western European Union that "a global regulation" of Middle Eastern problems would have to follow hard on the heels of resolution of the Guif

Singling out Lebanon and the Israel-Palestinian confrontation, M Dumas said that France regarded an international conference as the perfect canvas under which to hold talks aimed at working out individual settle-ments. "Plenty of other major powers think the same, including the United States," M Dumas maintained. The failure to hold out a prospect of reaching agree-ment in such cases would put more arguments into President Saddam's hands.

M Dumas also raised the sensitive matter of the West's contribution to building up the powerful Iraqi armed forces. France "regretted" its own substantial deliveries of weapons, he said, while it was up to every other nation involved "to make its mea culpa and draw the appropriate conclusions from experience".

Both M Dumas and M

Chevenement were adamant that President Saddam must make the first move by quitting Kuwait, and both sounded fairly pessimistic about the chances of avoiding war. France was obliged to prepare for conflict, M Dumas acknowledged; "the countdown has started," said M Chevenement, and the chances of peace were "relatively weak." Meanwhile, ministry of defence figures released yesterday said the Gulf crisis will cost France FF1.27

billion (£131 million) this year. The Defence Ministry is asking parliament to add an extra FF1.67 billion immediately to 1990's military budget of FF230.77 bil-

The Gulf operation, in which more than 6,000 French soldiers have been sent to Saudi Arabia, was the largest unexpected operation of the year. Others included French military intervention in the African states of Chad, Gabon, the Central African Republic and the Comoro islands as well as in

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Friendly clinch: Muhammad Ali hags Royce Smart, one of 15 American hostages who was released by Iraq after a mission to Baghdad by the former heavyweight boxing champion

Military chief steals the limelight in US build-up

From Susan Ellicott in Washington

COLIN POWELL is America's most talked-about joint chiefs of staff chairman. Not only, at 53, is he the youngest man to hold the post, but he is also the first black and the first head of the armed services to serve as the American president's chief military adviser since Congress expanded the pow-

ers of the position four years ago. As Mr Bush has worked over the past four months to sell the most rapid mass deployment of United States troops since the second world war to an increasingly sceptical public, General Powell has emerged as an important ambassador on Capitol Hill, explaining in his affable and unassuming style the thinking behind his country's military

strategy toward Iraq. The four-star general is a Vietnam veteran, who believes a strong nation should wield its power with care, but commit forces quickly and in large numwhen military action is needed, in order to limit casualties and avoid prolonged fighting. He extended powers of General Pow-Ronald Reagan's presidency.

Husain in

Iraq for

more talks

From Associated Press

KING Husain of Jordan arrived

bere yesterday for talks with

President Saddam Hussein on the

Gulf conflict and other issues,

The Jordanian monarch was

received at the airport by Presi-

dent Saddam and senior officials

and the two leaders went into the

presidential palace for immediate

King Husain is a regular visitor to Baghdad. Although Jordan has

condemned the invasion of Ku-

wait, it has been supportive of Iraq

Diplomats said the two leaders

and has sought an Arab solution.

planned to discuss the forthcom-ing visit to Washington of Tariq

Aziz, the Iraqi foreign minister, who has been invited by President

Arab diplomats said.

influenced President Bush's decision last month to announce the further Gulf deployment of up to 200,000 American troops.

This week, before a Democratled panel of congressmen that favours relying on sanctions before resorting to war in order to remove President Saddam Hussein from Kuwait, General Powell gave a crisp account of the philosophy behind Operation Desert Shield — an ail-out war involving air, naval and ground forces, and not a limited show of force that only would be "designed to hope to win".

Months before Iraq invaded Kuwait, General Powell ordered the overhaul of contingency plans for a Middle East emergency to include the defence of Saudi Arabia's oilfields from maranding neighbours. The new version was the foundation for America's response to Baghdad's invasion of Kuwait on 2 August.

The Democrat-led Senate has made clear it will review the of national security adviser during

ell's post once the Gulf confronta-

tion is over. At ease with the media, General Powell (whose pronounces the first syllable of his first name to rhyme with "grow") has been tipped as a possible running mate for President Bush in 1992. His name on the ticket could encourage the return to the Republican party of black voters, who defected almost 70 years ago in favour of the New Deal of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

The son of Jamaican immigrants, who grew up before racial desegregation in one of New York's poorest districts, General Powell joined the army after earning a degree in geology. Rare in his rank for not having passed through West Point, the elite military training academy, one of his favourite maxims is: "You are not limited by anything but your own ability." His political creden-tials include posts at the Pentagon and White House, including that

Soviet contract Wells Workers free to leave Ragha leave Baghdad

IRAQ backed away from a grow-ing confrontation with the Soviet Union yesterday and announced that, starting today, all 3,300 Soviet contract workers would be allowed to leave.

In a statement by the ruling

Revolutionary Command Council, Baghdad said it was taking the decision after Moscow had threatdecision after Moscow had meatened to use force if any of its nationals were mistreated. "Any Soviet expert wishing to leave will be free to go as of Wednesday provided the Soviet government alone bears the responsibility for the effects of breach of contracts," a spokesman said.

Baghdad recently has grown increasingly concerned that Moscow's diplomatic support for UN actions could translate into a multinational forces in Saudi Arabia and that it would use its stranded workers in Iraq as a pretext for action.

President Saddam Hussein had promised to allow 1,000 Soviet nationals to return home by the end of last month. But only 300 Russians were allowed to go and the authorities stopped issuing exit visas. The Iraqi move was possibly calculated to influence last week's UN Security Council vote, which set a deadline for it to withdraw from Kuwait and opened the way for military action

opened the way for miniary action in January.

Far from being intimidated by Iraq's tactic, Moscow voted in favour of the resolution and, in an interview with Pravda, Eduard Shevardnadze, the foreign minister, said: "We will take all necessary steps in this case. Everyone should know that we will not hesitate to use force to protect our

The Soviet Union, which has by far the largest expatriate commu-nity in Iraq, is committed to a number of lucrative projects in the country, including the running of key oilfields in southern Iraq and technical assistance on Sovietmade military equipment, which forms the bulk of the Iraqi arsenal. There are still an estimated 30 or 40 Russian military personnel working for Baghdad

Although many of the Russian expatriates wast to remain in Iraq to earn hard currency salaries, some workers at the Rumaila oilfield near the Kuwaiti border have recently complained to their embassy of deteriorating living conditions and meagre food supplies provided by Iraq. Another indication of Moscow's

growing impatience occurred last week when a group of visiting Soviet journalists, on a trip paid for by Iraq, were ordered by their editors to return home and turn down a possible interview with President Saddam

The last time Soviet citizens were held hostage in the Middle

East was five years ago when four diplomats were kidnapped in Beirut. The KGB and its Druze militia allies acted swifty against the Shia Muslim abductors and the men were five within three of the men were free within weeks. The fourth was killed by his kidnappers when he tried to

Until the invasion of Kuwait Iraq had enjoyed long and friendly relations with the Soviet Union dating from 1972, when the two countries ratified a 15-year friendship treaty.

Ties became strained a decade ago when the ruling Baath party instigated a purge against the pro-Soviet Iraqi Communist party and President Saddam denounced communism as "a rotten, atheis-tic, yellow storm which has

plagued Iraq".
During the war with Iran, however, Baghdad relied principally on the Soviet Union for arms and military expertise,

Briton is suspected victim of suicide

Dhahran - Investigations continued yesterday into the suspected suicide of a member of the 18,000. strong British force now based in the Guif (Christopher Walker writes). A British military spokesman disclosed that Corporal Richard Going, aged 30, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, had been found dead of a gunshot at Jubail, northeast of Dhahran, last Friday.

The spokesman added that the release of details had been delayed until the next of kin had been informed. He said the corporal was the second of the British contingent in the Gulf to die, the first being the pilot of a Jaguar jet aircraft killed when his plane crashed last month.

Nearly fifty members of the 270,000-strong United States contingent have died accidentally. According to military sources, one death was a confirmed suicide.

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Guerrillas killed

Beirut — A Palestinian guerrilla was killed and two Israeli soldiers were wounded in a clash with an Israeli patrol inside the security zone in southern Lebanon, security sources said. They said an Israeli patrol of the Givati Brigade clashed with guerrillas of the marxist Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine trying to

Role stepped up

Canberra — Australia is stepping up its role in the Gulf, Bob Hawke, the prime minister, announced here. He told parliament that economic sanctions did not appear to be working, and Australia was therefore putting the destroyer Brisbane, frigate Sydney and supply vessel Success under American operational control;

Japan sends envoy

Tokyo - Stung by criticism that it has failed to help its hostages in Iraq, Japan is sending an envoy on a three-day mission to Baghdad and drawing up a contingency plan in advance of the United Nation's January 15 deadline for Iraq to withdraw its forces from Kuwait. (Reuter)

Fire cuts oil output Dubai - A fire at the world's biggest oil refinery in Saudi Arabia cut output by nearly half, oilindustry sources in the Gulf said. Output at Ras Tannurah, 160 miles south of occupied Kuwait and a supplier of fuel for the multinational force confrosting Iraq, had fallen by 230,000 barrels

Cairo - The Palestine Liberation Organisation believes it has lost \$2 billion (£1.03 billion) in income since Iraq invaded Kuwait, Palestinian sources said. They said the PLO's income had been slashed by about 50 per cent because Arab benefactors thought it ungrateful for not condemning

a day to about 300,000, the sources said. (Reuter) PLO loss '£1 bn'

NEW YORK NOTEBOOK by Charles Bremner

Lawyers take on Godfather yet again

ing salesman in New York is again heading for the dock. John Gotti, better known as the Godfather of the Gambinos, America's most powerful Mafia family, owes his renown to "beating the rap" three times in the last four years, a feat that has earned him wide respect in the underworld for invincibility. One might think pro-secutors would be none too keen to tackle the formidable Mr Gotti so soon after his last court triumph earlier this year, but that is not the case, according to the local media, which follow the fortunes of the Mob with the fervour that their British brethren devote to the royal family. So much glory will go to the man who finally nails the dapper alleged don that two federal prosecutors were involved in a feud over the right to bring

charges.
Last week the Justice Department ruled in favour of Andrew Maloney, the Brooklyn prosecutor, giving him his second chance to haul in Mr Gotti on charges of racketeering. This time an additional murder charge is expected, thanks to the evidence of Philip Leonetti, an informer who is to testify he heard Mr Gotti boast that he ordered the execution of Big Paul Castellano, his predecessor as chief of the Gambinos, outside a restaurant in Manhattan in 1985. Mr Leonetti's future health prospects are the subject of widespread conjecture in the coffee shops of Manhattan.

Other evidence will include more from the Gotti tapes, the vast collection of conversations secretly recorded by the FBI, in which the alleged Mafia chief can be heard conducting business from the Bergen Fish and



Hunt Club, the establishment in where he spends much of his time. The conversations, in a disjointed code of obscenities and allusion, have come to represent something of a benchmark for Mobspeak. They helped polish, for example, the dialogue in Martin Scorsese's new film GoodFellas.

And last week, officials revealed that the Mafia was moving with the ecological times, competing to dominate the new recycling game, called the "greening of the Mob" by the

hile the Mob has been making "green money", it seems to have neglected that other lucrative phenomenon, known as the "greying of America". Economists have been arguing for years that there would be a huge market generated by the aging of the 76 million eternal teenagers born in the years of the baby boom. This Christmas shopping season has produced the first evidence that manufacturers have now taken note that the eyes of the older boomers are now well into their fifth decade. Book shops are sporting new "large-print" sections which

offer big-type versions of bestsellers printed on ultra-thin paper which keeps down the overall size of the volumes. You can buy board games in

similar format. Shearson-Lebman, the stockbroking chain, is printing its offerings in larger type and Forbes, the business magazine, has retooled its typeface to making reading easier on older eyes. General Motors, the purveyor of the Corvettes, Firebirds and those other youthmobiles of the 60s and 70s, is offering "head-up" speedometers that project their figures onto the windscreen, removing the need to refocus the eyes.

The season of goodwill is back with its usual force, despite the economic depression now loom-ing over the Big Apple. The tree has been lit in the Rockefeller Centre, now under Japanese ownership, and bank tellers and policemen have switched from "have a nice day" to "happy holidays". The new hard times are, however, visible. Santa and Twinkle Toes have been booted from their traditional post at the headquarters of the Daily News on 42nd Street, victims of the strike which has crippled the

Amnesty report claims Tehran executed 5,000 in three years By MICHAEL KNIPS, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

IRANIAN officials known as the "Death Commission" condemned more than 2,500 people to be executed in a six-month period in 1988 "in the most horrific wave of political executions in Iran since the early 1980s", according to an Amnesty International report

published today. The report, which says executions are continuing, puts the number at 5,000 in the past three years and will be a further blow to Iran's overtures to the West for closer relations and greater trade

and investment. A special United Nations envoy, who visited Tehran earlier this year with the permission of the authorities, published a critical report on the regime's humanrights record.

As a result 32 American senators have called for additional

revolutionary courts, the revolutionary prosecutor's office, and July 1988 commission members subjected political prisoners to a form of retrial in prison. Former prisoners described how, if their views were unacceptable, groups

tions, and a draft resolution condemning its human-rights violations is being prepared for the UN General Assembly. Diplomatic sources at the

investigation of the Iranian ac-

United Nations said yesterday that European Community representatives, conscious of their governments' closer relations with Iran, were watering down the draft resolution. The Amnesty report may complicate their task. Amnesty calls on the Iranians to end more than a decade of

relentless and ruthless violations of the most basic human rights". More than a hundred prisoners were reportedly executed in September alone, it says, and government critics have been arrested and tortured, in many cases just for signing a letter critical of the lack of rights and

freedoms in the country. Former political prisoners told Amnesty that the "Death Com-mission" consisted of repre-sentatives of the Islamic ligence ministry. During

Many executions in Iran, says Amnesty, are attributed to drugtrafficking offences. In six months last year at least 1,100 alleged

interrogation.

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traffickers were executed, and the number of executions for the same offence in the first six months of this year was at a record level. In September alone a hundred people convicted of drug-trafficking were executed within two weeks, the organisation says, accusing the Iranian government

of being "apparently intoxicated with the death penalty".
People who fell foul of the regime were denied legal counsel, had no right to call defence witnesses and no right of appeal. They were often executed within

Amnesty says it has repeatedly ought to discuss its concerns over human rights in Iran with responsible ministers and other officials in Tehran but has received no replies to its requests.

State-run Tehran Radio dismissed the Amnesty report as unfounded and said it was published to put pressure on Iran to change its Gulf policy. Iran has denounced the American-led military build-up as well as Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

Major to hold talks with Israeli leader By ANDREW MCEWEN, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

Yemen was using its position to

JOHN Major is to hold talks with Yitzhak Shamir, his Israeli counterpart, at Downing Street tomorrow at a time when Britain is considering supporting a United Nations Security Council resolution giving the UN a greater role in solving the Israeli-Palestinian

Such a move would displease Jerusalem, which is thought to regard Britain as the country most likely, after the United States, to help it avoid a greater UN involvement. Discussions on a new resolution are expected to begin in New York today under the chairmanship of Yemen, which has been less critical of Iraq than the other 14 members of the council.

Britain would want any resolu-tion to avoid an implied linkage between the Kuwait and Palestinian issues. Any suggestion that • JERUSALEM: The newspaper

help Baghdad would lose London's support. But texts put forward by the non-aligned group and others are understood to deal with the Israeli-Palestinian issue separately.

Britain supported resolution 672, which reflected international concern after the killing of 20 Palestinian demonstrators at Temple Mount on October & Israel refused to accept a UN investigation. Mr Major's meeting with Mr Shamir will be his first with a leader of a country with which Britain has important policy differences since he became prime minister.

Mr Shamir will stay in Britain for less than 24 hours before flying to New York to meet Jewish groups, and then to Washington to see President Bush next week.



Shamir: meeting Mr Major before flying to America Yedioth Ahronoth yesterday published a full-page 1991 colour businessman's calendar of expected Palestinian protest days in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. (Rewer)

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Gorbachev to root out food shop profiteers

From Associated Press in Moscow

that "when they close, they have a third shift during which employees sell food illegally, Mr Gorbachev told parliament yesterday.

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Shop assistants often set aside choice goods to sell later at inflated prices and pocketed additional profits.

Within the next two or three weeks, we think we can control the situation," Mr Gorbachev said. He added that he was planning to in-

Securitate files are taken over

Bucharest ~ Romania's justice ministry said yesterday it was taking over thousands of files from the former Securitate, the secret police of the executed dictator Nicolae Ceausescu. A spokesman said about 150,000 files were being taken over because they were directly related to the work of

Opposition newspapers and groups have been demanding that the files and activities of the Securitate be made public. At the height of Ceausescu's power the organisation had 70,000 agents. (Reuter)

Liner damaged

Saint-Nazaire - Fire destroyed the forward section of Monarch of the Seas, a new US-Norwegian Royal Caribbean Cruise line luxury ship being readied at a shipyard here for sea trials on December 21. The yard's manager said the ship's stern and most of its machinery were undamaged. (AFP)

Mir rendezvous

Moscow - The spacecraft carrying Toychiro Akiyama, a journalist aged 48, and two Soviet cosmonauts has docked with the orbiting Soviet space station, Mir. Mr Akiyama is the first journalist and first Japanese to go into space. (Reuter)

Fans defect

Oslo - Two dozen Romanian volleyball supporters refused to return home after a European Cup match and some applied for political asylum, police said here. The group, travelling with the Univer-sitates Craiova team, failed to turn up for a charter flight home. (AP)

Taxing business

Catania - Sicilian shop-keepers and businessmen who have to pay protection money to the Mana on top of taxes, have suggested that extortion should be a tax-deductible business expense. (Reuter)

PRESIDENT Gorbachev has crease food supplies from promised to root out black domestic and overseas marketeering of food in a sources, and he had secured programme designed to ease loans and credits to import severe shortages this winter. A flour, sugar, vegetable oil, survey of 50 state stores found margarine, meat, milk products and eggs.

The government was also stepping up its construction programme for food processing, and would set aside 12 multion acres for "individual farming" in an attempt to increase domestic production, Mr Gorbachev said. He did not specify what types of food processing industries would be developed, or whether the additional land for individual farming would be owned by private farmers or collective

On Monday, the parliament of the Russian federation approved a measure allowing private land ownership, but the national legislature has not taken that step. The United States, Germany and Italy have begun sending food aid to the Soviet Union, and other Western and Asian countries have promised support. Soviet officials blame distribution difficulties for the increasing number of empty shelves in shops.

Mr Gorbachev also formally proposed to the Soviet parliament a number of constitutional amendments to reorganise his government by creating a vice-presidency, abolishing his presidential council and giving more power to an advisory hoard representing the 15 republics. The reforms await approval by the Congress of People's Deputies, which is to sit on December 17.

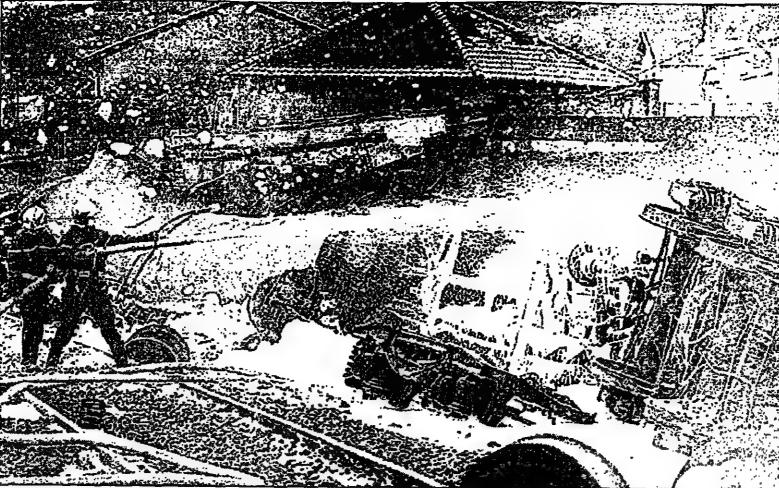
 OSLO: President Gorbachev has named Anatoli Kovalyov, a deputy foreign minister, to receive the Nobel Peace Prize on his behalf here next Monday, the Nobel Institute announced yesterday.

Mr Gorbachev said last

week he would postpone his visit to Norway because of developments at home which prevented him from being absent from the Soviet Union, even for one day.

The award ceremony takes place on the December 10 anniversary of the birth, in 1833, of Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite, who founded the prize. On Mr Gorbachev's behalf Mr Kovalyov will receive a bronze plaque, a diploma and a cheque for four million Swedish crowns (£375,000). Arriving in Oslo on Sat-

urday, Mr Kovalyov will stay for four days meeting, among others, Gro Harlem others, Gro Harlem Brundtland, the prime min-ister, and Thorvald Stoltenberg, her foreign minister. The Nobel committee hopes Mr Gorbachev will visit Norway next May to deliver the traditional Nobel lecture. Since the first award in 1901, wives, ambassadors and friends have, on several occasions, stood in for prize winners. Yelena Bonner, the wife of Andrei Sakharov, the dissident Soviet physicist, accepted his peace prize in



Railway wreckage: firemen spraying foam over a derailed freight train in the Loire valley, about 30 miles south of Lyons. Petrol in some of the train's 22 wagons fuelled the blaze, which raged out of control for eight hours, destroying four homes. There were no casualties

Liberals give Kohl ultimatum

DESPITE his election triumph, Helmut Kohl will not be re-elected as chancellor if he refuses to adopt a plan by the liberal Free Democrats for making eastern Germany into low-tax area, Count Otto Lambsdorff, the party leader, makes clear in an interview with Bild, published today.

The chancellor needs the support of the 79 FDP Bundestag members in order to command a majority with his Christian Democrats (CDU), and Count Otto started a first round of negotiations with Herr Kohl on forming a new coalition yesterday, determined to have his way.

If the FDP's tax plan was not accepted then Herr Kohl would not have the party's support when the Bundestan meets in Berlin on December 20 to pick the chancellor for the next four years.

The FDP plan, outlined in Bild, is to put a ceiling of 40 per cent on company tax in eastern Germany, compared with the top level of 65 per cent in the west. Individual income tax levels for anyone working in the east would also be reduced by between 20 and 25 per cent, whether or not they chose to actually live in

business in eastern Germany. Herr Kohl derided this plan during the election as being no more than a leftover from the years that the FDP spent in government with the Social Democratic Party. "That's what they get from lying in the same bed as socialists for so long," he told election rallies.

Count Otto, however, said yesterday that he was determined to push the plan through He said the FDP believed this was the surest way to attract investment quickly and also minimise the tax burden on the local population without forcing up salaries and inflation.

The tax idea also has the support of Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the foreign minister and the FDP's dominent personality. In an interview with Der Spiegel he said that although his party was stron-ger than before, it was not necessarily seeking more ministries. What the FDP wanted was to introduce priorities for the speedy development of the east, including making it a

low-tax area. Herr Kohl had talks yes-terday with Theo Waigel, der of the Christian Social the west. The tax relief would Union, the Bavarian sister also apply to foreign com- party of the CDU. The two election at the next party

panies deciding to set up a then met Count Otto for a first conference in May. round of bargaining over ministries and coalition politics. Figures released during the day helped to support the chancellor's election claim that it would be possible to pay for restructuring eastern Germany without any in-

crease in taxation levels. The figures, covering the third quarter of the year, show the economy growing at 5.5 per cent, higher than at any time since 1976. At the same time unemployment in the west over the quarter was 122,000 less than in the same period last year. The main factor in this growth has been the enormous demand for consumer goods after German

economic union on July 1. While Herr Kohl set about building a government for the next four years, the SPD was struggling to find a someone capable of leading them in the fortorn period of apposition

his candidate in the election, Oskar Lafontaine, announced that he was determined to plunge back into local state politics in his native Saarland, and Hans-Jochen Vogel, the party chairman for the past definitely not be seeking reThis came as a double blow

to the party, which needs strong leadership to hold it together after a third consecutive election defeat if it is to mount a credible challenge to Helmut Kohl and his Christian Democrats in four years' time. After an election cam-paign which drew harsh criticism from SPD elder statesmen such as the former chancellor, Helmut Schmidt, there is talk of a serious split opening in the party if some-one does not take a firm hand

For all the controversy surrounding him, Herr Lafontaine remains the party's dominent thinker and his campaign has committed the SPD in opposition to fight for new measures to protect the environment through taxation

as the number one priority. This idea found favour with the bulk of the working population since exit polls showed that the majority of voters in the 25 to 39 age group voted SPD, even if the youngest voters of all supported Herr Kohl's unification bandwagon.

Herr Latontaine had always said that if he lost he would go back to the Saarland, where he has built an impressive power base, rather than stay on in Bonn. Herr Vogel, however, who is tired after leading the party since he lost to Herr Kohl in 1987, had expected to be able to stand down in favour of the chancellor candidate and the party believed that Herr Lafontaine would in the end be dragooned into

accepting. According to Reinhold Kopp, one of Herr Lafontaine's closest advisors in the Saarland, it is still quite possible that he may go back into national politics.

Mussolini son to sue over misuse of 'fascist'

From RICHARD BASSETT IN ROME

VITTORIO, oldest son of Mussolini, the second world war fascist dictator, has been granted leave to sue the Italian state railway and the mayor of Bologna for describing the bombing of Bologna railway station in 1980 as a fascist act. The bombing, like so many

terrorist acts of the late 1970s in Italy, has never been satisfactorily explained. However, a plaque at the station listing the names of the 85 people killed attributes their deaths to "an act of fascist terrorism"

Last July the sentences of several right-wingers convicted of staging the attack were quashed after new evi-dence failed to link them to it. Signor Mussolini then asked the Bologna authorities if they would remove the word fascist from the plaque. Not surprisingly, he is highly sensitive to whose philosophy his father created

His lawyers said yesterday that by using the term fascist in a broad, general and ultimately inaccurate sense, the Bologna authorities were committing an "act of defamation" against the family of Mussolini. The Bologna magistrate, Bruno Ciccone, agreed, ruling that Signor Mussolini could pursue a legal course to remove the word from the plaque.

The decision was hailed by many as conclusive evidence that "irrational antipathy" to the legacy of Mussolini finally over.

Danes to vote on EC reform From Christopher Follet

IN COPENHAGEN

WITH a general election due a week from today. Denmark's political parties have broadly agreed to hold a national eferendum in the first half of 1992 on European Community plans for social, economic and political integration.

Shortly before losing the Conservative leadership contest, Margaret Thatcher called for a referendum in Britain to decide whether it would abandon the pound in favour of a single European currency, a key element in the Delors plan for monetary union. The issue raised by the then prime minister was widely seen as unsuitable for a referendum.

Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, the Liberal foreign minister, said yesterday in an interview in Borsen, Denmark's leading financial daily newspaper, that the referendum would be needed because the election had been brought forward to next week, following the collapse of negotiations last month between the 30-monthold Conservative-Liberal gov-ernment and the opposition Social Democrats on a state budget for 1991, and an economic reform package, The interview also reported Ritt Bjerregaard, a former Social Democratic education minister and now the party's foreign policy spokeswoman, as agreeing with Mr Ellemann-Jensen on holding the referendum.

The timing of the election. which opinion polls forecast as being a close-run affair between the ruling centre-right groups and the opposition, will make it difficult for Denmark to decide on key European economic and monetary union issues at the twoday Rome summit, due to start next Friday,

The parties means parliament has the consensus it needs for the vote. Denmark has so far held two referendums on Europe, in 1972, two-thirds of Danes endorsed EC membership along with Britain and Ireland; and in 1986 they voted 56 per cent in favour of Luxembourg reforms designed to pave the way for the Single European Act.

Denmark, long one of the most lukewarm community members and second only to Europe, has recently undergone a sea change in its attitude. The breaching of the Berlin Wall concentrated Danish minds on Europe. reminding them of the danger of an all-powerful German neighbour and rekindling bitter memories of the loss of Schleswig-Holstein to Prussia in 1864 and the nazi occupation of 1940-5.

The change of attitude reflects economic realities, as well as a general consensus that EC institutions should be strengthened, to guarantee that the united Germany is firmly anchored in an integrated Europe.

Bulgarian opposition left in disarray as party leader goes

From Tim Judah in sofia

BULGARIA'S main oppo- so that he could "return to his "Beron was known to the sition party MPs yesterday afternoon did not know if they still had a leader. On Monday Petar Beron, the head of the Union of Democratic Forces (UDF), announced his "intention to resign" amid allegations that he had been a secret police informer during Bulgaris's years of communism. In a widely disbelieved statement Mr Beron, who is the UDF candidate for prime minister,

career as a scientist". He then Yesterday, despondent UDF MPs argued that Mr Beron's "intention to resign" meant that he bad not gone yet. They said they had seen no proof that he had been a

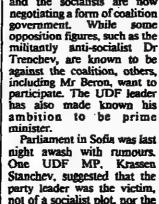
police spy.

The main source of the allegations is Dr Konstantine Trenchev, the leader of the independent trade union Podsaid that he wanted to resign krepa. Dr Trenchev said:

secret police by the codename 'Bontcho'. The UDF agreed to nominate him as prime minister, but two weeks ago an article appeared in the socialist newspaper Duma which said that socialist leaders knew who 'Bontcho' was. From then on he understood that it was impossible for him to stay on in this position

Last week Dr Trenchev's trade union movement began a general strike which brought down the government of Andrei Lukanov. The UDF and the socialists are now

"Bontcho" is Beron."



not of a socialist plot, nor the casualty of his known disagreements with Dr Trenchev. but had been pushed by erstwhile colleagues who wanted to replace him with a more hardline anti-socialist party leader.

Russian deputies warned of economic slump

THE Russian federation faces increased autonomy from the a big drop in oil exports and declining output of coal, timber and some key metals, according to a report pre-sented to its legislators as they gathered to press for greater economic independence.

The document, prepared by Russia's state committee on the economy, indicates the bion this year, presumably extent of the breakdown in owing in part to the end of central planning and the chaos subsidised sales to Eastern that may ensue as the largest Europe. Soviet republic furches to-

wards a market economy. It was presented to the tion and the output of Russian Congress of People's electricity, basic chemicals Deputies as the republic's and consumer goods, but Ivan Deputies as the republic s
government, headed by Boris
Silayev, the Russian prime factories now being switched
minister, issued a warning from military to civilian

From BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

central Soviet authorities. The report gives a warning that its predictions may not take full account of inflation, and predicts a 3 per cent drop in Russia's national income next year. Other black spots include a dive in exports to 71 million tonnes from 120 mil-

The report projects increases in housing construca radical economic course and that there would not be an production.

early easing in the acute shortages of consumer goods. Mr Silayev, a respected moderate, deplored the central Soviet authorities' financial profligacy. He said Russia's textile industry was "paralysed" because foreign suppliers, fearful of bad debis, had suspended deliveries.

He called for the republic to retain a much bigger share of export earnings. He also wanted a Russian say in energy and transport policies affecting the whole Soviet Union, an independent Russian prosecutor, and Russian control over the scores of



Yeltsin: may have to help shore up the economy

Parisian tempers in over-drive at new speed limit

FTOTO PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

THESE are desperate times for the motorists of Paris, whose comprehensive lack of respect for the code of the road sets them apart, even in a nation of famously dangerous drivers. Last weekend a new inner-city speed limit of 50 kph (30 mph) came into effect: at the same time, the use of rear seat belts became compulsory for most

As sensible Parisians freely concede vehicles. over the dinner table, both those measures, which now apply in all French towns of any size, make compelling sense. Their combined effect could be to reduce the carnage on the nation's roads by up to 1.000 on the nation's rocks of the lives a year. Trials in Strasbourg. St lives a year Limoges have already

wheel and they are transformed into snarling, speed-mad bullies whose "75" number plate is rightly feared throughout the land. The idea that they, of all people, should be restricted to a piffling 50kph and obliged to waste a few seconds on every journey clunk-clicking in the back seat is perceived as intolerable.

Thus, experimenting lawfully on one of the main avenues the Sunday the new limit was introduced, your correspondent ran the gauntlet of hooting, headlight flashing and the vivid gestures that Parisians reserve for those who get in their way. A French reporter who tried sticking to 50 kph on the first working day fared even worse, with outraged motorists prefect of Paris, it was originally intended to apply the reduced limit to the peripherique that encircles the capital. When not jammed solid, it is a daunting racetrack, almost every yard of which carries omnous skid marks. On mature reflection, M Verbrugghe decided, "it would have been very difficult to obtain respect for 50kph".

The rear scat belt law is also straining tempers. Not far from The Times office, one offender almost came to blows with the policeman booking him - minimum fine 150 francs (£15). He was adament that there had been no advance warning about this insufferable regulation. In fact, Paris has been plastered

with posters announcing its introduc-

think I'm going to spend my life in first gear?" demanded the driver of a Porsche caught speeding near the Arc de Triomphe (minimum penalty 1,300 francs). Although the police chief has

promised "implacable" application of the latest measures, doubts persist. The concept of good citizenship is not deeply rooted in the average Parisian soul. Drivers still stamp on the gas whenever the traffic clears momentarily, and still menace pedestrians with rubber-burning getaways at the lights. More people are now being killed on foot in Paris than in cars.

As for seat belts in the back, the fine is levied not on drivers but on the

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Stick to the bare text

Bernard Richards

any people have been perturbed to hear that that ITV is to screen a version of Pride and Prejudice showing Darcy in the nude. They are ruffled by the prospect of a novelist thought to be the lameatess of polite tea-tables being treated like Oh Calcutta! There are good reasons for disapproving, but my objections are not based on moral principles; they are more theoretical and

might be that there must have been nudity in the Regency, and that Austen was demonstrably not squeamish about sex. It has been claimed that with a little en-couragement she could have been the Thomas Rowlandson of the literary world, giving full rein to sexual ebullience and rollicking energy. Within her published work there are enough fullyfledged grotesques to stock a whole range of Rowlandson range of Rowlandson prints. Fanny Price's father, roistering with his Portsmouth cronies, certainly belongs to that world. In her letters, Austen shows herself the very opposite of the mealy-mouthed proto-Vic-torian spinster some readers admire. It might be good for her reputation if she were presented as a soul-sister of Jackie Collins.

Many of those who love Jane Austen speak of her novels as realistic. She evoked, it is claimed, the real world of her time, but did not need to detail it for her contemporaries. Modern adaptors need to flesh out that world and present it more explicitly for less well-informed audiences. Of course, a film makes that world solidly present, so that cabinets, chairs, skirts, bonnets, pelisses and what-not continually jostle for attention with psychological action. Sometimes scripts are built around these props, and this is where gross faults of interpreta-tion occur. Watching such adaptations, one feels that the novels are pretexts for trips to the Disneyworld of the past, where landaus sail through the streets and the Sheraton and Hepplewhite forniture is brand new.

But there is a faul flaw in this approach: Jane Austen is not a realistic novelist. Her novels are written according to an austere and highly artificial system. There is a chilly relentlessness in the way she writes, an unfailing stylistic discrimination. The principal endorsed characters speak a formal and graceful abstract language which corresponds to the elegant discourse of the narrative voice. They do not beich or fart, they do not so to the bathroom, they do not have sex, they do not eat, they do not drink and their clother are laundered in heaven. Only the idiolects and are trapped in the contingencies of the physical world. The last place one would go for documentary information about how the landed gentry spoke and behaved in the early 19th Brasenose College, Oxford.

century is a Jane Austen novel.
There was a typical misapprehension in the Fay Weldon adaptation of Pride and Prejudice. Elizabeth Bennet was on tour with the Gardiners in Derbyshire, and was much distressed to find her clothes creased when she took them out of a trunk. Mrs Gardiner calmed her by advising her to hang them up. Needless to say this is not in the novel, since no major characters ever need to bother about such things - the author has decreed that their costumes should at all times be effortlessly perfect. Fay Weldon imagined how a real Elizabeth Bennet might have faced a minor practical problem in the real world, and wrote it into the script. But Elizabeth Bennet is not in the real world, but in the systematised world of an intelligent novel.

Adaptations should match the technical strategies of the original. A Jane Austen novel, like any good novel, is expressive, not photographic, so to present Darcy in the nude is the same kind of solecism as showing Elizabeth's creased clothes: it is precipitating that fictional world into a historical world using data from other sources. The corollary is that a film of a Lawrence novel in which the sexual explicitness was eliminated would perform the same kind of disservice to the original: needs to find its equivalent in a film, and reticence here would be as illegitimate as explicitness in an Austen film.

The controversy is quite different from the fuss about the lesbian scenes in the recent Portrait of a Marriage about Vita Sackville-West. I support the de-cision to show those, since Vita did live in a real world. A film presenting a biography of a historical figure has every right to piece it out with knowledge of the age. Nigel Nicolson was shocked because he had not fully imagined such scenes, but scenes like them must have taken place, and the producers were under no obliga-tion to match his reticence. In translating a fictional world to the screen, however, different criteria

At the end of Mansfield Park, Jane Austen invites readers to augment the story with information from their own experiences, and this might be interpreted as the novelist's invitation to readers to write their own novels, and to adaptors to piece out the plots to their hearts' content. I do not think it should be interpreted this way - it is more of a witty sign-off, an amusing signal that Austen has taken the plot so far that it no longer interests her. In a sense it should be seen as a discourageliberty to write their own novels, and film-makers to make films -so long as they do not pretend they are Jame Austen's. The author is a Fellow of

...and moreover

CRAIG BROWN

Sources close to the former prime minister tell me that Mr Bernard Ingham has been making his presence felt on the streets of Dulwich every bit as forcefully as in the corridors of Westminster, For the meticulous fixer has taken over the day-to-day running of Mrs Thatcher's retirement home with customary aplomb. This news came to me through a series of leaked memos to the Dulwich milk-

men which recently landed on my desk. "Three pints today, Mr Milko, please" ran the first, dated November 25. Straightforward, you might think, but the next memo, dated November 26 ran, "There is wide-spread concern being voiced by senior figures in the Dulwich household that the milk delivered yesterday (November 25) will go off in a matter of days. If dissatisfaction continues. Mr Milko may well find his job on the line. This memo is, of

course, unattributable". The very next day, The Dulwich Echo announced that Mr Milko had decided, with great regret, to tender his resignation. The full text ran: "Dear Mrs Thatcher, It is with great regret that I offer my resignation. I have greatly enjoyed the challenge of working alongside you for these past 24 hours, but I believe it is time to make room for someone younger. I am proud to have been involved in the tremendous achievement of the past 24 hours, and in particular to have played my part in the speedy delivery of three (3) pints

yesterday morning." Observers were quick to detect Ingham's influence. Only yesterday, Mr - now Lord -Milko started his short-awaited memoirs, My Life in Dairy Products. In the index under "M", I can reveal, is the entry "Milk, I successfully deliver three pints to Mrs Thatcher, 37-68; Pleased, Mrs Thatcher seems, 68-73; Questions raised, 73-89: Reputation suffers 89-115; Resignation 116-128; Sulk-ing, I decide to spend my time 128-210. See also: Ingham,

The story does not end there, On the 27th, the Dulwich newspaper boy, Tab Lloyd, found himself in similar difficulties. "I had been delivering newspapers for three full days, and Mrs Thatcher had never com-plained," he says, "In fact, she always gave the impression of complete satisfaction. It was only when colleagues began to look shifty as I bicycled towards them that I began to suspect something was up." enough, without a word to Tab Lloyd, Ingham had informed Dulwich tradesmen (non-attributably) that the Thatcher household was far from satisfied with the newspaper deliveries, following the mysterious planting of a Morning Star inside a copy of The Daily On the 28th, The Dulwich

Echo printed the following letter: "Dear Mrs Thatcher, I am delighted to accept your most generous offer of the post of Deputy Newspaper Boy. It is with some regret that I find myself giving up my previous responsibility for delivering newspapers. Nevertheless, I fully agree with you that in my new post I will be in a much better position to ponder longterm policy apropos delivery, without the need to involve myself in the day-to-day business of putting papers through doors." Oddly enough, as this letter was issued, Mr Ingham was making it widely known that the role of Deputy Newspaper Boy was a mere "courtesy with "no real status".

Undoubtedly the most sig-nificant group in Dulwich to find itself on the wrong side of Ingham has been the carol singers. Some believe that their big mistake was openly to voice wet sentiments contrary to economic reality. Arriving at the gates singing "Gentle Jesus Meek and Mild", they were delighted when Mrs Thatcher declared herself "enchanted". Little did they realise that at the back door, Mr Ingham was distributing non-attributable tracts denouncing their efforts as "tuneless" and "distressing".

An announcement is expected shortly concerning the carol singers' intention to spend rather more time with their

Norman Tebbit proposes a sweeping package of local government and educational reform

How Britain could love the poll tax

expone, it now seems, is committed to review, modify, reform or repeal the politax, its advocates having lost even the battle over its name. The aspiration is one thing. Finding a popular alternative is another. No one in his right mind would go back to the rates. As Mr Kimsock once said in a rare moment of clarity, rates are "the most unjust of all taxes", taking most "from those who can least afford". What is more, Scottish dome

revaluation proved a political bombshell in the same league as the poll tax itself. Local income tax is an absurdity. If fixed at a uniform national rate, local government finance would simply be transferred to income tax and power from the town halls to Whitehall. If fixed locally, the appalling problems of collection at hundreds of different rates and redistribution from collection points to town halls would be an administrative nightmare. The central payroll computers of banks and other national chains with employees in almost every local authority area would blow fuses if confronted by such a task. In short, even Mr Heseltine deserves sympathy in dealing with the ghastly mess he has pulled off the cabinet table into his lap.

Short-term fixes designed to ease the electoral unpopularity inherent in asking local electors to pay for what they vote for should be delayed until the long-term answer to the problem is agreed. The concept is not difficult to devise, but to carry it through would require time, good management, political courage and presentational skills somewhat lacking in recent years.

The arguments that persuaded the government to adopt the community charge are as strong as ever. The concept of a charge to finance a modest proportion of local expenditure, paid by all local electors at the same rate in each authority, introduced at a modest level, but highly geared to ensure that increases in spending would require sharp increases in the charge is a good one. Nor is it unpopular. The dustmen of Westter do not seem to complain much that they pay the same as the Duke of Westminster, since £195 a year for first-class services is seen as a bargain, especially with the grisly examples of Haringey, Lam-

mock the meaning of the word. However, such happy examples are too few. The government seriously underestimated the extent to which electors in two-tier authorities would be confused,

and the extent to which most councils, of all political hues, would set out on a spending spree under the cover of the change-over from the rates. The poll-tax theory - that high spending would attract unpopularity - was right, but the government has incurred the dium, not the councils. The best way forward is to get

back to the original concept. That requires universal, single-tier authorities of reasonable size (no more vast metropolitan counties) so that local comparisons can be made, and a sharp reduction in the total expenditure to be financed locally. To avoid being caught again, the government would have to impose comprehensive capping of local government expenditure during the transition period.

All this can be achieved along side a further step in educational reform. Virtually all schools should be taken out of political control and financed by central government

pupils enrolled, bonnses for examination success and premium payments for disadvantaged pupils. Extra funding might come from charitable funds or commercial income (school buildings are too valuable to be closed for a third of the year); or from commercial borrowing against fee income or mortgages on new buildings. Progressively, local education authorities would be abolished; this would not only offer real savings but would encourage office-bound ex-teachers to return to the classrooms. Schools would be free to

prosper and grow or simply go out of business, with teachers paid on mont and for success. A transfer of schools funding from the community charge to central taxation would severely limit the scope for income tax cuts in the short term, but cuts in the community charge would be equally popular, especially as these would reduce the retail price index, with consequent savings on index-linked benefits.

The abolition of local education authorities would leave the shire county and district councils with too few functions to justify the

Conservative local government establishment would fight rationalisation, but there would be no shortage of opportunity for good Mr Heseltine is in favour of singletier authorities and could no doubt overcome any resistance.

The package is an attractive one: a reform of local government to offer real savings by eliminating one function and one tier, an improved schools system combining customer choice and new opportunities for education providers; and a substantial cut in the poll tax. The main costs would be delay in the next round of income tax cuts, the tumult of yet further local government reform, the short-term odium of ruthless. capping of councils' expenditure, and diehard opposition from educationalists unwilling to relinquish well-paid jobs blocking parents' rights of choice.

At the end of it all, the poll tax would remain as the highly-geared sanction against council prof-ligacy. Like high interest rates, it would work. After all, it was the prime minister who said."If it isn't hurting it isn't working."

Was there a conspiracy? Alan Walters has circumstantial evidence but no proof

'Get Thatcher', and they did

Mrs Thatcher incompre-hensible. Even her pol-itical enemies recognise that she is in the pantheon of the great leaders of the century. She insisted on honesty, in her final days translating the gobbledegook of the EC's Rome summit meeting into plain English. The Delors plan for monetary union, she said, was "federalism by the back

This proved too much for Sir Geoffrey Howe; the hollow superficial nonsense he regularly serves up on Europe was exposed, and he resigned. This was not the first blow of Mrs Thatcher's political nation, but it proved to be the fatal one.

Already the myths propagated by Sir Geoffrey, Nigel Lawson et al are being fed to the "quality" press. They are anxious to show how unreasonable, intransigent and downright wrong Mrs Thatcher was about Europe. At the height of the leadership crisis, the Financial Times, in articles by the political editor, Philip Stephens (November 14, 1990), and *The Economist* (November 24) told how on the eve of the Madrid conference in June 1989, after a tremendous row, Sir Geoffrey Howe and Nigel Lawson persuaded her to accept the so-called Madrid conditions for entering the exchange-rate mechanism. Mr Stephens said both Mr Lawson and Sir Geoffrey threatened to resign unless she accepted them.

I find this odd. It was at least

three days before the meeting that I put into final form a memorandum setting out the so-called Madrid conditions. (In summary they were: a reduction of inflation Britain to near the average of the ERM members; elimination of overt exchange controls; sub-stantial reduction of covert exchange controls such as undue currency restrictions on portfolios, and the creation of a barrier-free market.)

I am certain that before putting forward my memorandum, I had discussed the conditions with officials at both Number Ten and the Treasury. It seemed to me that those enthusiastic about entering the ERM forthwith (Sir Geoffre and Mr Lawson inter alia) and those who were reluctant (Mrs Thatcher and other prominent Conservatives) could agree to settle on these conditions. I believed that Mrs Thatcher could



Walters (left): Howe resigned after exposure of his 'hollow, superficial nonsense' on Europe

consensus, and that she accepted them as such. Obviously it was important to go to the Madrid summit with a proposal that the prime minister, the foreign secretary and the Chancellor (although he did not attend) could all fully support. Of course I was not present at the Howe-Lawson meeting with Mrs Thatcher, so I do not know what occurred there, but I do know that the compromise of the Madrid conditions came from Mrs That-

present these as the basis of a

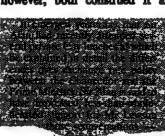
cher, and not after threats of resignation "imposed" upon her by the Howe-Lawson axis. Indeed my impression was exactly the opposite. The anxiety of Sir Geoffrey and Mr Lawson to claim credit for Madrid was undoubtedly due to the widespread perception that it was a great success for the prime minister. But even at the time, the

Howe camp's briefings let it be known that the prime minister had caved in to pressure from Sir Geoffrey and Mr Lawson (see. for example, The Independent of June 27, 1989). Philip Stephens went much further with his detailed description in the article of November 14, 1990.

I do not know where he got his story from, but he is clearly a journalist who would rely only on a highly reputable source - which, in the circumstances, must surely mean Sir Geoffrey and/or Mr Lawson. Such misrepresentation

is by no means an isolated incident in the attempt to discredit

In October 1989, in the Financial Times, I was represented as having recently written an article which condemned the ERM as "half-baked". Sir Geoffrey (standing in for Mrs Thatcher, who was in Malaysia) and Nigel Lawson both knew that my article which included this description had been written 18 months before, and so was old hat. In the Commons, however, both construed it as



From The Independent of June 15, 1989. 'Only two lunches and no such talk,' says Walters

though it were a current effusion. Since 1988 I had widely distributed copies of this article, which consisted mainly of a potted autobiography, to the media, including the Financial Times. How odd that these distinguished journalists should suddenly discover what they regarded as something scandalous in the closing paragraphs. Because I could not give interviews, and because

the media were pressing me for biographical details, it seemed appropriate to respond by providing them with this autobiography (albeit stale).

and Bevins reporting that at boardroom lunches in the City I had been rubbishing the Chancellor's policy - with the clear implication that I had the prime minister's approval. Such innuendo, whatever its source, was typical of the many attempts to et Thatcher". The two journalists did not of course reveal their sources. I can only recall two City lunches, at both of which I made it clear that I would not discuss current policy. The hosts agreed

and there was no such talle. The lunch I believe they had in mind was with the directors and group economist of Union Discount. Would any Union Dis-count director be likely to reveal what purported to be extraordinarily sensitive remarks from an occasion at which confidentiality was so important? In a letter of protest to The Independent, the chairman said such lunches have a long history and have had the most distinguished guests including prime ministers and Chancellors - and no leak had ever occurred. For the get-rid-of-Thatcher gang, I was a splendid intermediate target. Because of my

osition, I could not publish what I knew to be true or point out the implausibility of the Torday/

Bevins story. Was there a conspiracy? Some of my friends have argued that for such a concerted campaign to take place, there must have been. Although much of the evidence is consistent with that interpretation I have no direct evidence that there was any systematic conspiring. It may all have been co-incidental. The case is unproven.

Perhaps the first step on the slippery slope of Mrs Thatcher's decline was associated with my return to Number Ten in May 1989. I was a tempting target who could never hit back. But my views on the Chancellor's monetary policy from 1987-88 were well-known from previous newspaper articles and radio and elevision interviews. For example, Samuel Brittan of the Finan-cial Times depicted me as a Resputin-like figure.

believe the second fatal move leading to Mrs Thatcher's overthrow was the transfer of Sir Geoffrey from the Foreign Office to deputy prime min-The Independent had joined the ister. His violation of the hunt earlier in the summer with a confidential discussion with the front-page story by Messrs Torday prime minister, when he let it be known that he had been offered Douglas Hurd's job, was clearly designed to detach Mr Hurd from the prime minster and to sow dissent in the party. Finally, my old and innocent little article, Mr Lawson's representation of me as a "running sore", and his resigna-tion, helped to seal Mrs Thatcher's fate. The media were full of tales about her being overweening, outof-touch, opposed to Europe and consensus, and, above all, an electoral liability.

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Did Mrs Thatcher have the last laugh in ensuring the succession of John Major (who is said to be a neo-Thatcherite)? Up to a point, yes. John Major is unlikely to depart from any of the basic reforms of Thatcherism. But he is not driven by basic ideas or by visious of the sort of political and social order which set the agenda for the great Thatcher reforms. He appears to be a decent, well-liked, supremely efficient executive - rather like Edward Heath at his most promising in the 1960s. How will be behave under pressure: like a corporatist Heath or a libertarian Thatcher? We do not

know.

A brush with the military

ourteen weeks after his appointment as official artist of the Gulf crisis, John Keane has issued the Ministry of Defence with an ultimatum. Send him out soon or he will seek alternative sponsorship to take him there — the most obvious being a national newspaper.

Keane says from his Hackney studio that since his appointment three months ago, he has not received a single phone call or letter from the ministry. What particularly disturbs him is that since the announcement of his £10,000 commission in August, he has been turning away work in anticipation of travelling to the Middle East to join the multinational task force squaring up to Saddam Hussein.

"Whether there is a shooting war or not, I should be out there with the British forces. This is a major event in world history, and I find myself in a frustrating position," says Keane. "Although I haven't lost faith with the ministry, I am frustrated with the lack of contact or information. I have

been left in limbo." Despite lobbying by senior staff at the Imperial War Minseum, who are responsible for administrating the government's war artist scheme, the ministry continues to refuse to give Keane the green light. "He was appointed to cover the Gulf crisis whether it resulted in war or not," says Dr Chris-topher Dowling. "We still hope and believe he will get the all-clear

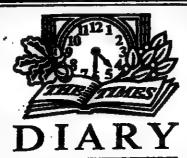
An MoD spokesman said: "He was appointed to cover a war. At the moment we don't have one. If we do we have to wait and see what happens."

Cheerfully describing himself as a coward, Keane says that if he ever gets there he expects to take photographs far from the front line on which to base paintings when he gets home.

• Among the forthcoming marriages announced in The Times on Monday was that of Nicholas Trend and Miss Sophie Jane Butler. He is a cousin of Burke Trend, cabinet secretary to Edward Heath; she, the daughter of Sir Robin Butler, Mrs Thatcher's cabinet secretary. But it is not a Whitehall mandarinate union: they met when working together on Holiday Which?

A desk of her own

7 ith the House of Commons authorities unable to offer Mrs Thatcher an office deemed snimble to the needs of a former prime minister, one of her longest serving ministers has come to her aid with with an act of political gallantry. Nick Scott, the social security minister, has vacated his office in the ministerial corridor to make way for his former boss, who would otherwise have had to share with another backbencher or work in a passage. Scott, MP for Chelsea, is at first sight an unlikely rescuer. A renowned wet, he was often tipped for the sack during the Thatcher years but always managed to hold on. John Marshall, his PPS, ex-plains: "Before Dulwich, Mrs Thatcher had a house in Chelsea. It's only natural that he should help his former constituent in this way. I am sure he would have done the same for any of them."



The arrangement, however, is only temporary, as is Mrs Thatcher's use of a suite of offices in the 17th-century Westminster house of Lord McAlpine, the former party treasurer, where John Whitting-dale, her political secretary at Downing Street, is overseeing the replies to an estimated 30,000 letters from well-wishers following

One of her staff says: "She wants her own offices outside Parliament. en we have got them we may be able to tell you what her next venture will be."

Going gazump

oes the presence of things that go bump in the night enhance or diminish the value of a property? And what is the legal position for someone who discovers he has bought a house with a spectral sitting tenant? It depends on the ghost, according to an article due to appear in the January Country

Homes and Interiors. If the spirit is not "of the tiresomely mournful sort that wails, clanks chains or frightens the dogs", it should be good news. Such spooks "can add value and

charm to a house which might otherwise just be another victim of the property doldrums".

Two allegedly haunted houses currently on the market are Rock

House in Devon, where Rudyard Kipling once lived, and Irton Hall in the Lake District. Both make a virtue of their supernatural nature in the estate agents' blurb. Those who do do not know they are buying haunted houses, and are subsequently upset by creaking

stairs and doors, apparently have little legal redress. "There is no obligation on a seller to reveal a



ghostly presence," says Tony Girling of the Law Society's property committee. Richard Addington, who is handling the sale of the Kipling house, has his own explanation of its reported other-worldly phenomena. "I think a lot depends on how much one has had to drink," he says words, surely, that can only come back to haunt him.

Bennett's benefit

n three eventful years as an MP, Nicholas Bennett, the new junior minister at the Welsh Office, has never been far from incident. He has been

involved in a scuffle with Labour heavyweight John Prescott, was sent a parcel bomb by Welsh extremists and earlier this year narrowly escaped death in a car crash. After frogmarching his secretary, Jane Emmerson - a Tory parliamentary candidate - out of the House of Commons in full view of colleagues, he was blacklisted by the Westminster secretaries' and assistants' council.

if he sat on the Labour benches, his credentials would be impeccable. His great-grandfather was Tom Mann, who led the dockers' strike in 1889, while his grandfather was features editor of the Communist Daily Worker.

What has brought Bennett to the attention of John Major, apart from his support in the leadership contest, is probably his loud and relentless barracking of Oppo-sition spokesmen. But his efforts occasionally redound. As he interrupted Tony Benn for the umpteenth time in one debate. Benn gave way. After all, he said, a socialist from a titled family could hardly refuse the claims of a Tory closely related to one of the greatest figures in the history of trade unionism. But Benn could not resist regretting "the terrible family transformation that has occurred since".

■ Much mirth at the Department of the Environment over who is to play Jane to the new secretary of state's Tarzan. In fact, the DoE press office has so many Janes that Michael Heseltine will have the help of a different one for almost every topic: for planning matters, Jane Holman; all things green, Jane Groom; housing Jane Morley. Ominously, only on the poll tax is the pattern broken. The expert there is a Sue.

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Menem may urge death penalty for army rebels

From Michael Soltys in buenos aires AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

"PRESIDENT Bush's one-day doned many of Monday's visit to Argentina is to go ahead despite the unsuccessful but bloody mutiny here on Monday. Officials with the penalty. Despite the damage American president in Uru-done to Argentina's overseas guay, the second stop on his image by yet another military invoday Latin-American tour, said yesterday they were con-

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was being stepped up.
Calm returned to the streets of Buenos Aires yesterday decisive difference between although Argentinians are still shocked by the death toll of 19 since, in the 20-odd military although Argentinians are still

been more implicit than real. The latest uprising may still claim more victims, since President Menem, who par-

Surprise dismissals in Zambia

Lusaka - President Kaunda announced the dismissal of his newly appointed defence minister and the veteran chief editors of Zambia's two daily newspapers. He gave no explanation for the changes, only saying that Lieutenant-General Hannaniah Lungu, appointed in July after helping to crush a coup attempt, would be replaced as minister by his deputy, Dodson Sistalimi.

Komani Kachinga of The Times of Zambia and Cyrus Sikazwe of the Zambia Daily Mail said they were "very surprised" by their dismissal but bore no ill feelings towards the president. (AP)

Police kill six

- Mexico City - Anti-narcotics agents opened fire on two lorries, killing two adults and four children and seriously wounding two others in a case of mistaken identity during a drug operation in the north of. Mexico. The families in the lorries were returning from a dance. (AFP)

∷Congo upheaval

Brazzaville - Alphonse Posty-Souchalaty, the prime min-ister, has resigned on the eve of the ruting Congolese Labour party's congress. Congo is in the throes of political upheaval as the nominally marxist central African country moves toward a multiparty system scheduled for January. (Reuter)

Nuclear offer

Hong Kong — Electricité de France said it had been asked by China to submit a full tender for the construction of a second nuclear power plant near the one being built at Daya Bay in Guangdong province. The appouncement - caused dismay and disbelief in Hong neighbouring 'Kong. (AFP)

Democracy vote Cotonou - Benin has given a resounding "yes" to multi-party democracy. Final referendum results in the West

African country showed 77 per cent of votes cast ap-proved in full a new constitution leading to multiparty "elections next year. A further" 18.5 per cent favoured multiparty politics but rejected a clause limiting the age of presidential candidates to between 40 and 70. (Reuter)

rebels last year, is talking of setting up courts martial with the power to impose the death fident the uprising would not mar today's visit, but security enhanced rather than weakened his authority. A change in attitude was the

inprisings or coup attempts in the past 40 years, violence has their own choice of chief-ofstaff on the army establishment as a prelude to vindication of the Falklands war and the "dirty war" against left-wing terrorism.

Then, as now, the units seized by rebel forces were rapidly surrounded by loyalist troops. But this time the loyalist troops used mortars to blow open the doors.

The reason for the new determination to put down the rebellion quickly was that the rebels broke the unspoken rules by killing two officers and a non-commissioned officer in Palermo barracks early on Monday.

In view of the latest uprising, there is some surprise here that Senor Menem is still willing to go ahead with the pardon by Christmas of the military junta members responsible for a 1976 coup and the "dirty war" against left-wingers, but this still leaves him with the need to deliver a sterner message to those who use violence to attain their ends. The three deaths in Palermo will give him the moral authority to order the harshest punishment.

One question which Senor Menem still needs to answer is why his intelligence services were apparently caught nap-ping. Mohamed Ali Seineldin, the retired colonel who the rebels wanted as army chiefof-staff, was in the 41st day of a 60-day confinement to barracks for insubordination precisely because he skipped the chain of command to warn the president of unrest if the demands of the carapintada

Last week intelligence wa investigating the possibility of a left-wing assassination plot against Mr Bush after the arrest of a Bolivian and a Chilean terrorist. At that time more than 400 carapiritada were planning to strike at dawn on Monday.

Yesterday, however, goverament sources were saying that the rebels were delib-erately allowed to show their hand so that they could be crushed once and for all. Nevertheless, a less costly method of achieving the same end might well have been

Moreover, it was not as if the ideological sympathies of many rebel leaders were unknown. On the contrary, Major Hugo Abete, in the Palermo Barracks, and Ra-mon des Sagastizabal, a former coast guard anti-terrorist squad commander, headed parallel to Colonel Semeidin's Villa Martelli uprising in

Nevertheless, Señor Menem has revealed a machismo that is deeply reassuring to a population stumned by the sight of people bleeding in the streets.

Ershad resigns after peace offer rejected

From AHMED FAZL IN DHAKA

PRESIDENT Ershad of Nineteen parliament mem-Bangladesh has resigned, state bers of the ruling Janya party television said yesterday, and had called a special session of the violent protests. They parliament on Saturday to include three former minname a vice-president who would head a caretaker government until elections.

the mainstream opposition ernment's parliamentary parties in Bangladesh had rejected the president's new formula to end the wave of protests that have jolted his 50,000 supporters, Sheikha nine-year-old government. On Monday night the presiident offcred to resign next party opposition alliance, de-ear. The former army chief, clared the campaign would aged 60, also promised to lift the state of emergency from December 16 and open those universities closed in the face of violent campus protests. - However, the opposition demanded that he resign immediately. Begum Khalida

Zia, chief of a seven-party

alliance, said the two alliances

and a left-wing group rejected

isters, Mohammad Abdul Matin, Mayeedul Islam, and Nazimuddin al-Azad. Their The resignation came after resignations reduced the govstrength from 267 to 248 in the 300-member house.

At a rally attended by Hasina Wazed, chief of the Awami league and an eightcontinue until President Ershad stepped down.

More than 200 people were injured in running battles between security forces and pickets at the onset of a weeklong general strike called by the alliance. Public transport shut down and banks and

businesses remained closed. Witnesses said mobs stoned and a left-wing government buildings in the the offer of dialogue with the capital and the southern cities government and called for a government and of protests. of Chittagong and Khulna and



Argentine aftermath: loyal soldiers guarding a group of rebels who surrendered in Buenos Aires on Monday night

Hindus renew siege of holy city mosque

a 16th century mosque. The permanent solution. government and leading op-

for their safety. Muslim and Hindu leaders Congress (I) party, has sugcontinued last-minute talks in gested a judicial enquiry into Delhi last night in the hope of the central question of avoiding another bloody confrontation, which could threaten the survival of the government of Chandra Sbekhar.

Hindu extremist organahead with tomorrow's action, stage to demolish the mosque. The building was last besieged on October 30, when Hindus broke through police lines and three-month deadline on the ran up a saffron flag, the colour of militancy, on one of its domes. The arrest of Hindu leaders lead directly to the collapse of the government of Vishwanath Pratap Singh.

The Chandra Shekhar government's one hope is that the hardline Vishwa Hindu Parishad will stand by its promise

TENS of thousands of Hindus temple alongside the mosque are pouring into the north while leaving the ancient Indian holy city of Ayodhya in building alone. That would another threatened assault on buy time to try to find a

The Barbri Masjid (mosposition politicians appealed que) dispute has become one yesterday for calm as Muslims of the most explosive issues in the predominantly Hindu between Hindus and Muslims area expressed mounting fears in more than four decades. Rajiv Gandhi, leader of the whether a temple was demolished by Muslims to make way for the mosque, built in 1528. Hindu hardliners say they have archaeological evidence that a temple predated isations said they would go the mosque. Muslim leaders say they will go along with a but would not attempt at this judicial enquiry, and move the mosque if it can be established that a temple was demolished.

Mr Gandhi has proposed a enquiry, to be headed by supreme court judges. He has also suggested legislation to prevent a change of status in any other place of worship, a move designed to meet Muslim fears that Hindu extremists want to demolish 3,000 mosques that supposedly occupy the sites of demolished temples.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 4: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.
Mr David Lightbown, MP
(Vice-Chamberlain of the

Household) was received in audience by Her Majesty and presented an Address from the House of Commons. The President of the Republic

of The Gambia and Lady Jawara visited The Queen and remained to hunche The Prince Edward was

The Hon Saihou Sabally (Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs), the Hon Omar Sey (Minister of External Affairs), His Excellency the High Commissioner for the Republic of The Gambia and

Monday, Mr and Mrs Alan Pover, the Lord and Lady Thomson of Monifieth and Dr and Mrs Jeremy Lucke had the

honour of being invited.

A Guard of Honour, found
by The Queen's Guard, 1st
Battalion Welsh Guards, was mounted in the Quadrangle.
The Major General Commanding Household Di-vision and the Field Officer in Brigade Waiting were present.

By command of The Queen,

the Lord Cavendish of Furness (Lord in Waiting) called upon The President of the Republic of The Gambia and Lady Jawara at Claridge's this morning and, on behalf of Her Majesty, welcomed Their Excellencies on their arrival in this Country.

their arrival in this Country.

Mrs John Dugdale has
succeeded the Lady Eiton as
Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

The Duchess of York this
evening gave The Lloyd Roberts
Lecture at The Royal College of
Physicians, Regent's Park, and
later attended a dinner at The
Medical Series of Lordon Medical Society of London,

Cavendish Square.
Her Royal Highness was received by The Mayor of Camden (Mr Nirmal Roy).
Captain Neil Blair, Royal

Navy, was in attendance. The Princess Royal, Chancellor, University of London, this afternoon visited the Lillian Penson Hall, Talbot Square, London, on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary as an Inter-collegiate Hall of Residence.

In the evening Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, attended the Festival of Trees Gala Dinner at the Victoria and Albert Museum, London Mrs Andrew Fellden was

KENSINGTON PALACE Vales. President. Prince's Youth Business Trust, visited young Cumbrian businesses at The Barn, Old Brathay, Ambleside, Cumbria.

Subsequently His Royal Highness attended a conference of Northern Training and Enterprise chairmen and exec-Finally The Prince of Wales.

Community, visited Threlkeld Quarry Workshops, Threlkeld, Curabria His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cumbria (Sir Charles Graham, Bt).

Mr Guy Salter was in

The Princess of Wales visited the Foundation for Conductive Education at Bell Hill, Northfield, Birmingham.
Subsequently Her Royal Highness, Patron, British Lung Foundation, visited the Immunoblochemical Research Laboratory at the Birmingham Ceneral Hospital.
Finally The Princess of Wales visited the Birmingham Royal Ballet Company at the Birmingham Hippodrome. the Foundation for Conductive

Birmingham Hippodrome.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the West Midlands (the Earl of Aylesford).

Miss Alexandra Loyd and Mr Patrick Jephson were in The Prince of Wales, Patron, Schizophrenia — A National Emergency, and The Princess of Wales attended the Diamone Ball at the Royal Lancaste Hotel, WCL

Major-General Caristopher Airy and Mrs George West were in

KENSINGTON PALACE December 4: The Duke of Gloucester this evening was present at a Dinner to mark the 21st Anniversary of the Scientific Exploration Society which was held at London Zoo, Regent's Park, London, NWI.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE December 4: The Duke of Kent,

Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning visited Linn Products Limited, Floors Road, Glasgow, and was received on arrival by Brigadier John Brown (Deputy Lieutenant of Renfrewshire). His Royal Highness this afternoon visited John McGavigan and Company Limited, Woodilee Industrial Estate, Glasgow, and was re-ceived on arrival by Her Maj-

esty's Lord Lieutenant for Duabartonshire (Brigadier Donald Hardy). The Duke of Kent later

The Duke of Kent later visited Vasoutek Limited, Inchman, Renfrewshire.
Captain the Hon Christopher Knollys was in attendance.
The Duke of Kent, Patron of the London Philharmonic Orchestra, this evening attended a Concert, followed by Dinner, at the Royal Festival Hall, Lipiton SEI. London SEI. Commander Roger Walker

as in attendance.
The Duchess of Kent, Patron, this afternoon attended the "Not Forgotten" Association's Christmas Party at the Royal

utives at Brathay Hall Trust, Mews, Buckingham Palace. Ambleside, Cumbria. Mrs Colin Marsh was in

Mr J.D. Atkins and Mins S.E. Palmer

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs John Atkins, of Stoke Mandeville, Buckinghamshire, and Sharon, daughter of Mr William Palmer, of Cliftonville, Kent, and Mrs Barbara Palmer, of Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

Mr J.J. Farrell and Miss G.K. Hollywood The engagement is announced between John son of Mrs Mary Farrell and the late Mr Daniel Farrell, of Shirley, Croydon, Surrey, and Grainne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs James

Hollywood, of Warren Hill, Warrenpoint Road, County Mr N.C. Hortin Min E.J. Bevitt

The engagement is announced between Nicholas Christopher, elder son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Hortin, of Hursley, Bampshire, and Elinor Janet, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Hewitt, of Cleeton St

Captain K.C. Hutton and Miss S.G. Jackers The engagement is announced between Captain Keith Cameron Hutton, XV-XIX The King's Royal Hussars, younger son of Mr and Mrs D.C. Hutton, of Lymington, Hampshire, and Sally Gillian, daughter of Mr and Mrs Sydney Jackson, of Bucklers Hard, Hampshire.

Mr R.F. Lowe and The Hon S.J. Planeser The engagement is announced between Richard, son of the late Mr W. Lowe and of Mrs N. Lowe, of Danehill, West Sussex, and Sally, daughter of Lord and Lady Plummer of St

Mr D.J. Lyon and Miss E.V.E. Sharpston The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of John and Catherine Lyon, of Rochester, Kent, and Eleanor, only daughter of Charles and Pauline Sharpston, of St Jean de Gonville, Ain, France.

Mr D. Mehmed and Miss S.L. Higgins Mr and Mrs David Higgins, of Wickham Bishops, Essex, are nappy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah, to Deniz, elder son of Mr and Mrs Henry Mehmed, of Bexleyheath, Kent. are happy to announce the

Mr D.J.E. Mole and Miss L.M. Autom The engagement is announced between Duncan, second son of Mr and Mrs N.R.M. Moir, of Earl's Green, Suffolk, and Linda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Antoun, of Belvedere,

Sussex, DING SJON AND

OBITUARIES

VICE-ADMIRAL SIR GEORGE RAPER

Ships, Royal Navy, from 1968 to 1974, died on November 30 aged 75. He was born on August 27, 1915.

GEORGE Raper was one of "revolutionaries" as they were known - engineering officers who strove to rectify the shortcomings in the seagoing performance of Royal Navy ships which had been so dreadfully exposed during the second world war. The contempt in which the navy's engineering branch had been held in the period between the wars, when it was thought that to be a "plumber" was a profession scarcely fit for an officer and a gentleman, rebounded embarrassingly upon the authors of such attitudes when the British Pacific fleet was asked what support it could provide to the US Navy

in the vast expanses of the Pacific Ocean. When the American admiral Chester Nimitz told his British counterpart Admiral Fraser that US Navy ships stayed at sea for 90 days, and asked what Fraser could offer from the Royal Navy, the British sailor was forced to end of the war the notion that a ship as a weapon was useless

When Raper became Direcit was at a crucial moment. he had received - five tons of The navy was in transition gold bars - also went to the

wardrooms above.

Vice-Admiral Sir George from steam to gas turbines for Raper, KCB, Director-General its surface ships. With the Ships, Royal Navy, from 1968 experience of his immediate and like-minded forebears to use as ammunition, Raper was part of the campaign to restore to the navy that mobility whose vital necessity Lord that remarkable band of Fisher had recognised in the years before the first world war - which had been so recklessly sacrificed by the hide-bound policies of the 1920s and 1930s. Besides being a strategic thinker George Raper had an

extremely active war. From 1940 to 1942 he was engineer officer of the light cruiser Edinburgh which took part in Atlantic convoys, as well as acting as the covering force for the commando raid on the Lofoten islands in March 1941. Next Edinburgh was involved in the hunt for the German battleship Bismarck and was later on Maita convoys. Her best remembered operation was also her last. While escorting convoy QP 11 home from Murmansk in April 1942 she was attacked by a U-boat which badly damaged her with a salvo of torpedoes, two of which caused damage well-nigh terminal in a fighting ship, With one boiler room flooded confess that only eight days two propeller shafts wrecked could be counted on from his and her rudder completely out ships. Eventually the figure of action Edinburgh limped was upped to 20, but it was an on while Raper and his enexperience not forgotten by gineers worked like demons to those engineers who had for keep her afloat, steaming and years fought against the obtuse on course. Two days later attitudes of the upper deck to another torpedo hit proved to engineering problems. By the be the coup de grâce. Miracube the coup de grâce. Miracu-lously Edinburgh did not immediately sink but the end without its engines was clear was so patently near that she below decks, but still had to be learned the hard way in the wardrooms above. was so patently near that she was abandoned, Raper being among those taken off. Later she was torpedoed by a British destroyer and sank, a seabed tor-General Ships, with a tomb for 60 of her people who controlling say in what sort of had died. Along with the dead, controlling say in what sort of had died. Along with the dead, vessels the navy should have, Stalin's payment for the arms



sea floor. Raper received the vage team. In 1942 Raper was the ship functioning and his department at Bath where he ghastly conditions of the Arc- Commander L. G. Maclean, tic seas. In 1981, the bulk of which set itself to rectify the the shipment, 431 out of 465 ossified approach to boiler gold bars, was retrieved from and turbine design which had the bottom of the Barents Sea. On that occasion Raper's Like the Americans had done knowledge of the ship's layout between the wars the team

Robert Cummings; American

film and television actor, died

in Los Angeles of kidney failure on December 2 aged 80. He was born on June 10, 1910,

AS AN actor, Robert Cum-

mines was made to measure for Hollywood's light ro-

mantic comedies of the Thir-

ties and Forties. He pleased the ladies with his boyish good

looks, which endured for de-

cades (the secret, he said, was

the succession of affable boy-

friends and eligible bachelors he was called upon to play. Cummings began in films in

1935, often appearing in West-erns — indeed, he first tried to

get Hollywood's attention us-

ing a phoney Texan drawl and

vacated the great outdoors for

domestic parlours and hotel

bulance and Nursing Cadets, will attend the St John ball at the

Hotel Inter-Continental at 8.20.

Princess Margaret will attend

the British-American Associates ball at Grosvenor House at 8.00.

The Duke of Gloucester, as

Patron of the Pattenmakers'
Company and President of St
Bartholomew's Hospital, will
attend a reception in the Great

The Duchess of Gloucester, as

Patron of the Scottish Opera, will attend a performance at the Royal Opera House, Covent

The Duke and Duchess of Kent

will attend a reception at Spencer House at 6.15 in aid of the Venice in Peril Fund.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron

of Age Concern England, will

Princess Alexandra, as Chan

Hall of the hospital at 6.45.

in Joplin, Missouri.

cost the navy its mobility.

(1941).

acting manner perfectly suited Mitchell, the small-town boy.

a name to match, Brice of sabotage. Hitchcock fully Hutchens. But he gradually realised the actor's limited

rooms. He became entangled cois Truffaut; "even when he's with Deanna Durbin in *Three* in desperate straits, his fea-

Smart Girls Grow Up (1939) tures don't convey any an-and it Started with Eve (1941); guish." But he used him again be partnered Jean Arthur in in Dial M for Murder (1954).

ROBERT CUMMINGS

The Devil and Miss Jones

(1941), and became engaged to

Betty Grable in the colourful

musical Moon Over Miami

Cummings never touched

the deeper emotions, but he

could handle dialogue with

ease, and always looked good

in a dinner jacket.

Cummings's lightweight style

was less appropriate to drama

- bereft of flippant talk, he

could appear wooden - yet he

cades (the secret, he said, was balanced eating and vitamins); while his nonchalant had the lion's role of Parris revived in the Sixties, by

who survives a tragic love

affair to become a doctor (and

amputates the legs of his

played by Ronald Reagan).

Alfred Hitchcock used him in Saboteur (1942) as the mu-

nitions factory worker accused

range. "He has an amusing face," be complained to Fran-

famously

boyhood chum,

was streets ahead of the navy's. Experience gained there led to new design concepts which paid dividends of higher steam pressures and more miles per ton of fuel for the ships of the postwar fleet. Raper spent the rest of the war with the team, a period which saw the foundation of the Yarrow-Admiralty research department. In the post-war period he saw active service again, as engineer in the cruiser

industry whose technology

Birmingham off Korea, and in 1954 he went to Canada to help the Royal Canadian Navy form its own design and investigation team. From 1955 to 1957 he was technical secretary to Sir Frank Mason, engineer-in-chief of the fleet and himself a great innovator. This was a creative period which saw rapid advances in technology and the famous Admiralty Fleet Order 1/56 which abolished the difference in status between the Scaman, Engineer and Supply branches of the Royal Navy, in all respects save actual command of ships. But the highest appointments in the service were now open to all. It was a restoration of the concept of "one company" which had been done away with by the Admiralty in the "great betrayal" of 30 years before. In 1968 Raper was the first engineer to be appointed Director-General Shins. Raper was noted among

colleagues for his incisive rare award of a year's accel- sent to the turbine section of mind. He was also a great erated seniority for keeping the Engineer-in-Chief's sportsman and had been a fine wicketkeeper and scrum-half. men's morale high in the was part of a team under He was a popular after-dinner speaker. Latterly he had been struck by arterio-sclerosis but although confined to a wheel chair, unable, at the end, even to speak, his brain remained

He leaves his widow, Joan, proved invaluable to the sal- turned to the power generating a son and two daughters.

Cummings continued to be

a Hollywood fixture through-

out the Forties and early

Fifties, but by the time he re-teamed with Betty Grable for

How To Be Very, Very Popu-

lar (1955) his screen appeal

was waning, and he had already found a second home

the Peter Pan bachelor

photographer in the series The

Bob Cummings Show in

which he was always on the

which time the photographer

had become a pilot. In both

there was a reflection of

Robert Cummings himself,

who was several times mar-

ried, with the last wedding

occurring only in 1989 as the result of a fan letter. He was

obsessed with keeping young

and in addition to running a

vitamin business - not with-

out its critics - wrote a book

entitled Stay Young and Vital.

A few months ago when

with friends he was celebrat-ing his 80th birthday he

insisted that it was his 40th.

Alas, it was not.

He aiready had success as

in television.

DENNIS EVANS

Dennis Frederick Evans, FRS professor in inorganic chemistry at Imperial College, London, has died aged 62. He was born on March 27, 1928

DENNIS Frederick Evans was educated at Nottingham High School. Gaining an open scholarship, he went up to Oxford, becoming a scholar of Lincoln College in 1949. He read chemistry and was ap-pointed to an ICI research fellowship in the university (1952-1956). A year at the University of Chicago followed, after which Evans returned to the United Kingdom as lecturer in inorganic chemistry at Imperial College, London. There he built up his research school, becoming successively senior lecturer, reader and professor. In 1981 he was elected FRS

Earlier collaboration in Oxford with R. E. Richards (now Sir Rex Richards) on the magnetic properties of oxygen and nitric oxide in crystalline structures (clathrates) at low temperatures is described in a classic paper published in 1952 which laid the foundation for Evans's lifelong interest in the magnetic susceptibility of molecules. He was naturally attracted from the outset to the characteristics of oxygen, a unique magnetic gaseous element, in those states when it is capable



of emitting light. This interest is reflected in a series of papers during the 1950s on the interaction of oxygen at high pressures on solutions of aromatic hydrocarbons. These elegant experiments dem-onstrated the effect of the oxygen molecule in disturbing the energy levels in benzene and related compounds. Later spectroscopic studies on low energy electronic states of oyxgen followed. The intense interest which subsequently developed in the role of excited states of oxygen in physical, organic and biological processes is attributable to these early papers from Evans's laboratory.

Much of his other work was concerned with nuclear magnetic phenomena in organometallic compounds. characterised by fine experiliant insights. The measurement by Evans of the signs of magnetic interactions between atomic nuclei in thallium compounds was applied more generally by David Whiften and Raymond Freeman and stimulated further work in this field.

A strong individualist who relished the dramatic and hazardous experiment, Evans will be remembered with affection by students and collaborators, not least for his flamboyant parties where wine flowed freely. He leaves a daughter.

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr E.P. Nichoba and Mies K.G. O'Comor The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Mr and Mrs Tom Nicholas, of Sutton, West Felton, Shropshire, and Kirsten, daughter of Professor and Mrs Brian O'Connor, of Pen-Isa'r Glyn Hall, Bronygarth, near Oswestry, Shropshire.

Mr S.G. Papadopoulos and Mbs L.C. Hardwick
The engagement is announced between Stelios, son of Mr and Mrs George Papadopoulos, of Belgravis, London, and Lucy, eldest daughter of the late Mr Oliver Hardwick and of Mrs Cordelia Hardwick-Dawe, of Weybridge, Surrey.

Mr D.A. Quinn and Miss A. Pavier The engagement is announced between Dean, son of Mr Anthony Quinu and Mrs Margaret Quinn, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Douglas Pavier.

Mr D.A. Vernau The engagement is announced between David Alan, son of Mr and Mrs Alan Vernau. of Charlton on Otmore, Oxford-shire, and Kim Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Don Lunn, of Ealing, London.

Mr S.C. Wood and Mrs C.W. Roome The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and Torrington, Devon, and Sheena, daughter of Lady Lang and the late Mr Charles McQueen.

Mr M.C. Wendrow The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mr and Mrs Alec Woodrow, of Burton by Lincoln, and Harriet, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Huntsman, of

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Robert Harley, Earl of Oxford, statesman, London, 1661; Martin van Buren, 8th president of the USA 1837-41, Kinderhook, New York, 1782; Christina Rossetti, poet, London, 1830; John Rushworth Jellicoe, 1st Earl Jellicoe, admiral of the fleet, Southampton, 1859; Josef Pilsudski, chief of state of Poland 1918-22, prime minister 1926-28, 1930, Zulow, Lithvania, 1867; Walt Disney, Chicago, 1901.

Chicago, 1901.

DEATHS: Sir Henry Wotton, diplomat and poet, Eton, 1639: Sieur de la Vérendrye, explorer in Canada, Montreal, 1749; Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Vienna, 1791; Alexandre Dumas père, novelist, Puys, France, 1870; Claude Monet, painter, Giverney, France, 1926; Vachel Lindsay, poet, Springfield, Illinois, 1931.

Church news

Resignations and retirements The for Normal C. Coff. Vicer. Credi Bardfield w. Little Bardfield, discuss Chelinsford: lo retire as from April 7. The Rev Michael H. Cobb. Incumbs All Seints, Gravetty Hill. doc Birminghant: to retire as from Nove ber 30.

The Rev Preb Ronald H. Green. Recarr, Chiefdingford, St. Mary, di-coses Califfred; to return as from April 30, 1991. April 30. 1991.
The Rev Cathy Humphries. Assistant curate. St. Micheel and All Angels Twenton. Bath. diocese Bath and the bate up a post with Tear Fund).
The Rev Tony Webs. Rector. Woolavington w. Cossington and Bawortp, diocese Bath and Weist to retire as from January 31, 1991.

Other appointments Other appointments
The Rev Patrick Forber, Discussing Communications Officer, discussed Revenue and Producer at Sect Paulo Revenue at Section 1988 (1988) (1

Scottish Episcopal Church Appointments Appointments
Joan Whitred Bacun, ordained NSM
Deacon, October 20: Christ Grurch
Delbeattle (Glasgow and Galloway).
Edward Macallan Robertson to be
Fector. St Kessoy a Auchterarder and
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The Rev Dissocan J E Stadden, Rector

Luncheons

HM Government Marshal of the RAF Sir David Craug. Chief of the Defence Staff, was host yesterday at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at Admuralty House in bonour of General Colin L. Powell Charman of the American Join Chiefe of Staff.

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors Sir Idris Pearce, President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, yesterday entertained Mr John Redwood, Minister for Industry and Enterprise, Department of Trade and industry, at tuncheon at 12 Great George Street.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will open the new Margot Fonteyn Centre at the Royal Academy of Dancing at 3.00. the Royal Thames Yacht Club at 4.15; and, as Commandant-in-Chief of the St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will visit the Royal Smithfield Show at Earls Court

at 11.15. The Prince of Wales, as President of the King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, will visit St Dunstan's Clinic, Ful-ham Palace Road, at 10.15; and, as President of The Prince's Trust, and accompanied by the Princess of Wales, will attend a gala evening at the London Palladium at 8.00.

Prince Edward will open the new High Care Hostel for the Rugby House Project at Long Yard, WCI, at 1.30; and will present the 1990 Torch Trophy Trust awards at Simpson (Piccadilly) at 6.25.

The Princess Royal, as The Princess Royal, as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will attend the council's rendezvous at the King David Suite, Geat Cumberland Place, at 11.00; as President of the Royal Yachting Association, will attend a council meeting at

King George's Fund for Sailers

Admiral of the Fleet Lord and Lady Fieldhouse were the guests

of honour at a reception of the King George's Fund for Sailors held last night at Lloyd's. Lady Oswald, chairman of the reception, Mr and Mrs Murray Lawrence and Admiral Sir

Anthony Morton, chairman of the fund, received the guests.

Institution of Civil Engineers

Mr Tony Baldry, Parliamentary

Under-Secretary of State at the Department of the Environment, yesterday opened an Institution of Civil Engineers display entitled Pollution and

Receptions

will preside at ceremonies for the conferment of higher degrees at 11.30. Duchy of

Garden, at 5.20.

Cornwall The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, has made the follow ing appointments:

Sir John Baring to be Lord Warden of the Stannaries, in succession to Sir Nicholas Henderson, who has retired... Earl Cairns to be Receiver General of the Duchy of Cornwall, in succession to Sir

The Earl of Shelburne to be member of the Council. **Appointments**

Latest appointments include: its containment, in the House of Commons, ICE Vice-President, Mr Smart Mustow, responded on behalf of the Institution, A reception was held afterwards.

Lientraunt Gener Swinburn to be Ge Commanding Sout trict. He succeeds Peter de la Billière. Lieuteaant General Richard Swinburn to be General Officer Commanding South East Dis-trict. He succeeds General Sir

University news

Goldsmiths' College Appointments

Visiting lecturers and fellows:
Dr P Barham, Visiting Senior
Lecturer in Mental Health;
Professor Marco Diani, Visiting
Fellow, Sociology Department;
Dr C R Dobson, Visiting Research Fellow in the Departsearch reason in the Department of Continuing and Community Education; Dr B M E Hermelin, Visiting Lecturer, Psychology Department; Ms P Kearney, Visiting Lecturer in Social Work; Dr D Menhennet, Visiting Research Fellow Visiting Research Fellow, Department of European Lan-guages; Professor M J Park, Visiting Fellow, Commun-ications Department; Professor Ruth Smith, Visiting Fellow, Department of Social Science and Administration; Mr B Thorne, Visiting Lecturer, Psychology Department.

open their new headquarters at Astral House, London Road, SW16, at 11.00. Royal Society of Chemistry

> The following have been admitted as Fellows of the Royal Society of Chemistry during the period October 1990. They are entitled to use the designation Chemistry designation Chartered Chemist and the letters CChem FRSC:



Party

"Not Forgotten" Association The Duchess of Kent, Patron of the "Not Forgotten" Association, cut the Christmas cake at the annual Christmas party for disabled ex-service-men and women held at the Royal Riding School, Bucking-ham Palace, yesterday, Lord Henley, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Social Security, gave an address. A concert, arranged by Miss Anne Shehon, was given during the afternoon.

Dinners

Weavers' Company The Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs attended a Weavers' Company dinner held last night at Vintners' Hall Mr NF fownsend, Upper Bailiff, and other officers of the company received the guests. The Lord Mayor, the Upper Bailiff, Mr S.G. Worthington, Upper War-den, and Mr J.E. Hosking were the speakers.

Royal Pharmacentical Society The Archbishop of Canterbury was a speaker at a dinner of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain held last night at the society's headquarters. Mrs Linda Stone, president,

Fermera Club Viscount Tonypandy was the principal guest speaker at the annual dinner of the Farmers Club held last night at Grosvenor House. Mr M.H. Hudson, president, presided and Mr G.H.S. Bailey also spoke.

Herbert Smith The partners of Herbert Smith held a dinner at the Athenaeum

last night to mark the 80th birthday of Mr David Higginson. The senior partner, Birthdays today Viscount Bridgeman, 60; Mr

José Carreras, operatic tenor, 44; Lord Chalfont, 71; Miss Lucie Clayton, model agent, 62; Sir William Downward, former Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, 78; Miss Enid M. Essame, former Essame, former headmistress, Queenswood School, Hatfield, 84: Major-General H.R.B. Foote, VC, 86: Mr P.J. Grant, chairman, Sun Life Assurance Society, 61; the Mosa Rev George Henderson Bishop of

Society, 61; the Mosa Rev George Henderson, Bishop of Argyll and The Isles and Primus of the Episcopal Church in Scotland, 69; Little Richard, singer and pianist, 55; the Earl of Longford, 85; Lord Matthews, 71; Mr Sheridan Morley, author and broadcaster, 49; Lord Napier and Ettrick, 60; Lord Nathan, 68; Lord Rotherwick, 78; Mr Jeremy Sandford, writer, 56; the Farl of Sandford, writer, 56; the Earl of Scarbrough, 58; Mr Harold Sebag-Monteliore, barrister, 66; Dame Mary Smieton, civil servant, 88.

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Mr John Rowson, presided. The gunts were:

Ness Mary H Arden, QC. Mr Bobby A Broke, De Hoo Thomas Manners, the Birth Hon St Patrick Maybern, QC. Processor Dan Dremited, the Rectardon of Duntal Maybern, QC. and Mr. Richard Syras. QC. and Mr. Richard Syras.

Old Plymothian and

Managedian Club
The 42nd annual dinner of the The 42nd annual dinner of the London Section of the Old Plymothian and Manamedian Club, was held on Friday. November 30, 1990, at the Officers' Mess, the Inna of Court and City Yeomany. The Chairman of the London Section, Jane Thomas, welcomed Mr A.M. Joyce, the Headmaster, Mr D.E. Martin, staff of Plymouth College. Mr C. Plymouth College, Mr C.
Robinson, President of the
OPM Club and Mr P. Organ,
Chairman of the OPM Club,
together with 84 former pupils
of Plymouth College.

Service dinner

Cavalry Colonels The annual dinner of the Cavalry Colonels was held at The Cavalry and Guards Club, on Monday, December 3. Licutenant-General Sir Norman Arthur, Chairman of Cavalry Colonels, presided.

Wycombe Abbey School

Open Sixth Form Scholarship (tenable from September 1991) have been awarded as follows: Ist Mator Scholarship: Francesca Watker, Wycombe Abbey, 2nd Mejor Scholarship: Charlotte Bigiand, Wycombe Abbey, Minor Scholarship: and Sucanne Lyte, all Wycombe Abbey, Minor Scholarship:

Internal Sixth Form Scholarships (tenable from September 1990) have been awarded to: Akuezue Chidi-Ofong, like Fisher Scholarshup, and Catherine Chiu and Samanune Wang, Flux Dundas Scholarshup.

Chatham House meeting postponed

The meeting which was to have been addressed by Ambassador Oleg Grinevsky today, at 5.30 pm, has been postponed. A new date will be any

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LIMITS TO SANCTIONS

Economic sanctions are among the weakest, possibly even the most counter-productive, of weapons. Reluctance to accept this uncomfortable reality is a growing obstacle to straight thinking on the world's determination to drive Iraq out of Kuwait. In Washington, sanctions have long enjoyed near mystical significance, whether used against South Africa, the Soviet Union, Cuba or Iraq. Why is not clear - a naive belief in the supremacy of economics over politics or just America's intellectual isolationism - but time and again Washington overrates the efficacy of economic weapons to achieve global goals.

The case for economic sanctions against President Saddam Hussein was not that they would induce him to withdraw from Iraq but that, unless they were tried, nobody else would help America militarily. Now that American opinion is dividing politicians there are turning back to sanctions as if they were an alternative to military action. They never were. Senator Sam Nunn wants to give sanctions a year to 18 months, on the ground that "once you cut off 98 per cent of the income of a country, eventually it's going to work". This was tried against Cuba and against Panama. It did not "more". did not "work". Mr Nunn and his supporters are talking dangerous rubbish.

Faith in sanctions is rooted in the idea of confrontation as a kind of siege. Sieges of closed cities did sometimes "work", but only when the inhabitants starved. Iraq is not a city under siege and the world has no intention of letting it starve. Studies of sanctions tend to show they only have an impact over a long period of time, usually by gradually altering the internal political balance in favour of new economic groups. They benefit agriculture and import substitution industries. They make economies tough and lean and, as in the case of Iraq, they lead to sanctions-busting black markets in essential (notably military) supplies. Rhodesia and then South Africa are examples of this.

The advocates of sanctions against Iraq reply that never in modern history have sanctions been applied as thoroughly and speedily as they have been to lraq. Its foreign assets have been frozen and its oil exports blocked, strict controls have been placed on air traffic to and from Baghdad and an unprecedentedly efficient naval blockade has been put in place. Life has indeed become tougher for Iraqis. Smuggling across leag's long land frontiers

with Iran, Turkey and Jordan (helped by the release of convicted smugglers to go about their patriotic duty) will not fully fill the gap.

The American secretary of state, James Baker, now says that he was advised that sanctions would force Iraq to withdraw within four months. Others thought they would act even faster. No attention was paid to Saddam's grip on his subjects, the nature of Iraq's economy and the fertility of its neglected soil not to mention the loot of Kuwait's warehouses, enough food to feed two million people for six months. More than four months since Iraq's invasion the US defence secretary, Richard Cheney, has come to the realistic conclusion, that Saddam "can ride them out".

Iraq is digging for victory. Where years of development aid and advice failed to make the "fertile crescent" bloom, sanctions are succeeding. Record acreage has been planted for the spring harvest. Free prices on the peasant markets have soured, giving farmers incentives to produce still more, while lowpriced rations provide a basic diet. The eightyear war with Iran gave Iraq ample experience of putting the economy on a war footing. Sanctions have speeded up the transition. Current estimates are that Iraq's military still has enough fuel and spare parts to stay operational for a year without noticeably reducing training, exercises or air patrols.

Sanctions are certainly hurting: hurting the oil-consuming world. But the paradox of all "trade wars" is a tendency to backfire: this one is hurting more than 50 countries, 19 of which have approached the United Nations for assistance. The Polish and Hungarian economies have been crippled. A dozen countries, including poor Bangladesh, have lost a fifth of their foreign exchange earnings thanks to higher oil prices, lost trade or lost remittances from the Gulf.

The call of many American politicisms for "military action in a year or two" is disingenuous. Action there must be soon, or not at all. The coalition-building which began in August has reached its peak. Half a million troops cannot sit out next summer in the Saudi desert. Saddam has given ample proof - in invading Kuwait - that force is the only pressure to which he is likely to submit. Sanctions may have been politically necessary. But the only way to free Kuwait is by the January deadline for force set by the UN last month,

KISS AND MAKE UP

John Major's first address as leader to his Conservative faithful yesterday urged reconciliation on a party still painfully divided. Much licking of wounds is being done in private, but in several constituencies individual MPs are in fear for their political lives.

Tory civil war is what Labour wants. Mi Major told them. He did not practise what he now preaches when he plunged the internecine knife into the Welsh Office, delighting the Labour party. His dismissal of Michael Heseltine's henchman, the excellent junior minister, lan Grist, in favour of one of his own, Nicholas Bennett, compares ill with the magnanimity Mr Major showed towards Mr Heseltine himself. While the dismissal of ministers and the deselection of MPs are quite different matters, Mr Grist's fate is hardly calculated to calm the party.

The most serious constituency threat is to Michael Mates, MP for East Hampshire, who was Mr Heseltine's campaign manager. He faces moves for his deselection and replacement by another candidate later this month. Julian Critchley of Aldershot, Cyril Townsend of Bexleyheath, Emma Nicholson of Devon West and Torridge and Sir Peter Tapsell of Lindsey East are among other MPs facing sharp criticism from their constituency parties.

There are better reasons than electoral profit why these MPs and their constituency associations should kiss and make up. Party rules give an annual opportunity for Tory MPs to reaffirm, or in this case not reaffirm, their choice of leader. Those Tories who do not like the rules should campaign for them to be changed, not for the ditching of those MPs who

took advantage of them. Challenging the sitting leader is a legitimate party activity, not a disloyal one - a loyal member will want the party to have the best possible leader. A sitting MP is not a delegate of the committee of local Conservatives which selected him. His mandate comes from the electorate as a whole, and it is a mandate, as expressed in Edmund Burke's famous Bristol address, to use his own judgment in the interests of his constituency and the nation. That is an important constitutional principle over which much blood has been spilt in the

Labour party. An MP has a duty to the senior members of his local party to hear them out. He also has a duty to his constituents of whatever political allegiance. He must conduct himself in the interests of his party, but also, as he sees it, in the interests of the nation. While technically the party cabal can deselect, that power is best used in cases of manifest unsuitability rather than specific disagreement.

Conservative constituency associations are given a conduit for their views on the leadership, separate from any influence over their own MP. Their voice is heard through soundings conducted by Central Office. Hounders of anti-Thatcher MPs would do well to remember that Mrs Thatcher withdrew from the fight not because she had been defeated in the first ballot but because she was told by members of the cabinet and others that she faced defeat by Mr Heseltine in the second.

The constituency parties had initially declared in her favour, then in favour of Mr Major. Their influence was an important element in stopping Mr Heseltine. The role of Mr Heseltine and his supporters was to oblige Mrs Thatcher to accept the verdict of parliamentary and party opinion on her continued leadership. This was a perfectly creditable role. Those involved served their party. None of them deserves the political gallows.

HEALTH CARE ON TRUST

The National Health Service is always said to be either "in crisis", as the Opposition maintains, or "entirely secure", as the prime minister said yesterday. Both attitudes encourage a belief that the issue is not quality of care, but whether the existing structure of the NHS is at risk. This assumes that the NHS is not dynamic, but static, an asset to be protected from a hard world outside. The assumption is false. Public demands on the NHS change, as do concepts of management. In response, the government has taken the mild step, announced yesterday, of granting

financial autonomy to 56 hospitals. For patients, self-governing trusts should bring palpable benefits. Profitable hospital sidelines, like private wards or shopping facilities, will be expanded to finance the capital borrowing which the new rules allow. That will in turn mean more modern facilities. Trusts will negotiate their own agreements with doctors, nurses and ancillary staff. Throughout the public sector, local pay bargaining has proved to be the best way of getting value for money for the customer. Above all, fewer tiers of wasteful bureaucracy should mean that more is spent on patient care.

Last month's changes at the ministry and at Downing Street have injected a new element of uncertainty. As he admitted to the Commons yesterday, William Waldegrave, the health secretary, wrote the passage in Douglas Hurd's leadership manifesto proposing to review

run the boards of these trusts. Within their own domains, they will be left alone. The right to raise private capital, within limits ultimately set by the Treasury, will bring with it the risk of miscalculation and perhaps even of bankruptcy - though it is unlikely that the most famous of those hospitals, like Guy's, which intend to opt out would be allowed to close. In incurring debts, trust boards should not forget those local authorities which recently made such a hash of playing the financial markets.

Local pay bargaining need not work to the disadvantage of the staff, as the unions claim. In prosperous areas, it should mean that hospital boards will pay substantially more to recruit the calibre of personnel they need. Even in poorer parts of the country, self-governing hospitals should offer hard-working and ambitious employees more incentives. A competitive labour market inside the NHS must be good for staff as well as patients.

The refusal of the Opposition - Liberal Democrats as well as Labour - to accept the principles of local financial autonomy and competition within the NHS means that the long-term future of these hospitals is unclear. Robin Cook could, if he chose, direct his analytical powers to subjecting these 56 hospitals' plans to critical scrutiny, rather than making nonsensical promises to "bring these

hospitals smartly back into the NHS". Once the trusts are in business, no Labour government is likely to abolish them. Mr Waldegrave should concentrate on choosing

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Labour's 'inadequate' EMU policy

From Mr Peter Shore, MP for Bethnal Green and Stepney (Labour) and Lord Jay

Sir, For those who are deeply concerned about the potentially disastrous impact of European Monetary Umon upon UK jobs, industry and living standards, the Labour party's latest policy statement (report, November 29) is disturbingly inadequate.

It does not face these crucial comomic issues, nor does it address the major question of whether economic and political self-government in Britain can survive the loss of control over monetary, currency and exchange rate policy that full membership of

the EMU emails. True, the statement itself acknowledges that:

the movement towards monetary union will only be in the interests of the EC if there is a substantial degree of convergence in the economies of the EC if there is a substantial degree of convergence in the economies of the member states; that convergence cannot be confined to the rates of inflation but must embrace the shifty of all member states to sustain adequate rates of growth and employment without incurring unsatinable current account deficits. Monetary prime in the sustainable current account de-ficits... Monetary union in the absence of this degree of conver-gence would create unbearable strains within the community, resulting in fragmentation rather than close integration.

Unhappily, the strength of that warning is virtually negated and preceded by this limp and supine PASSTARE:

EC partners have made clear that... their desire is to move towards full monetary union and the establishment of a single currency. Labour believes that it would not be in the national interest if Britain

Changes at the top From Mr N. D. Foster

Sir, Sir Richard Parsons (November 29), before writing that Mrs Thatcher over-dominated her cabinets and reduced our system to a de facto presidency, should have consulted the late Richard Crossman's 1963 introduction to Bagehot's The English Constitu-

tion (Fontana edition, page 51).
Here we read that even by 1867
the PM had "near-presidential
powers" and that since then the powers have steadily increased. Mrs Thatcher can hardly be blamed for a 100-year process that was probably complete at least 30 PERT 180.

Crossman quotes with approval (page 52) Lord Home to the effect that no minister can make a really important move without consulting the PM, and as to initiatives by the latter, a minister has either to agree, argue it out in cabinet, or

For the electorate there would MOCKADE. in from a nostalgic "return to cabinet gov-ernment" as imagined by Sir Richard. Ministers, not selected by us, are motivated to success and prestige; they should be targeted firmly, supervised closely and, if they fail us, sacked ruthlessly. (We the electorate can, if a government is perceived as failing, be relied upon to dispose of it

Yours faithfully, N. POSTER, Turzum, Parkgate Road, Negron, Cheshire

Aid for Soviet Union From Dr Ian Richardson

Sir, There are serious probles preoccupy politicians both here and in the Middle East. These are tending to obscure what may well be a catastrophe in eastern European countries and in Russia once winter strengthens its grip.

It will be obscene if some starve while others have immense quantities of unwanted food in store, European Community tervention stores are not going to

feed these people in perpetuity, but they would help.

This surplus made readily avail-able would give hope and enable the populations of Russia and eastern Europe who have suffered so much to endure their painful transitional period. Yours faithfully, IAN RICHARDSON,

Mullach-ma-Beione, Appan, Newtonmore, Highland.

From Mr Robert Chambers Sir, Brian Crozier (November 30)

is of course right to say that some aid to the USSR may be counterproductive. Poor distribution lies at the heart of the pending famine and more food might only compound this. It is for precisely this reason that

tage of the greater freedom for private groups to arrange aid to children in the USSR independentily of the Soviet state. This has only just become a possibility, following the plea

our organisation is taking advan-

made by Chancellor Kohl to President Gorbachev. Yours faithfully ROBERT CHAMBERS

(Secretary General), International Society for Human Rights - British Section, 27 Old Gloucester Street, WCI.

Sir, The assembly halls of hell

From Mr Stanley C. Bedford

must be echoing with laughter at the news that the distribution of foreign-donated food and other aid will be entrusted to the KGB (report, December 1). Yours faithfully STANLEY C. BEDFORD. Donkey Drive, Wharf Lane,

Bourne End, Buckinghamshire.

allowed itself to be excluded from

such developments.

be created?

What then is Labour's position? Is it that we will not join an economic and monetary union unless and until the conditions of "convergence" have been met? Or is it that if the 11 adopt monetary anion and a single currency.

Labour will then join, regardless of
whether "convergence" has been
achieved and in spite of the "unbearable strains" that would

The tilt of the document strongly suggests the latter, not the former. But this is an ambiguity too aportant to be left unresolved.

What makes the document even more unsatisfactory is that there has been no prior consultation or debate within the Labour party on membership of EMU. This is all the more remarkable when one recalls that during the 1975 referendum, the Wilson government gave this assurance to the British people:

There was a threat to employment in Britain from the movement in the Common Market towards an economic and monetary union. This could have forced us to accept fixed ex-change rates of the pound, restricting industrial growth and so putting jobs at risk. This threat has been removed,

Alas, this same threat is back with a vengeance. This is not a small dispute but one that bears directly upon the central objectives and prospects of success of the next Labour government.

Yours faithfully, PETER SHORE DOUGLAS JAY, Palace of Westminster, SW1.

From Mr B. A. Marshall

Sir, I wish to question the responsibilities of Mr Chris Patten as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. In what way can a seat on the cabinet be justified by his holding this position? More important, to what extent can a cabinet minister's salary be jus-

It seems to me that in effect Mr Patten's overriding responsibility as chairman of the Conservative party is overseeing the party's fight to win the next general election. Why therefore does the Conservative party not pay his salary? Why should we taxpayers pay to assist the Tory party win the next election?

Yours faithfully, B. A. MARSHALL, Sarum Cottage, 121 Clay Street, Crockerton, Warminster, Wiltshire. November 30.

From Dr John Penm Sir, Mrs Paviour (November 29) rightly proposes that no one should be allowed to lead a political party for more than two terms. This is far too good a principle to be limited to a few top jobs. It ought to be the accepted norm for chairmanships of all decision-making bodies, from perish councils upwards. Yours faithfully, JOHN PENMAN.

Forest View, Upper Chute, Andover, Hampshire. November 30.

Antares sinking

From Mr Christopher Oriebar Sir, Yet another trawler has been pulled under by a submarine becoming entangled in its fishing nets (report, November 23). Would not an immediate solution be to fix a weak link in the line from the trawler to the net? Such a link would have a breaking strain less than the force required to pull the trawler under.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER ORLEBAR, Holt Cottage, Fairoak Lane, Oxshott, Surrey.

From Mr Peter Cobb Sir, As a former nuclear submarine captain and a "perisher" teacher, I write in response to a report on the radio suggesting that a "perisher" (an officer on the commanding officer's qualifying

Channels for charity From Mr Neville Base

Sir, Your correspondent, Mr Taggart (December 3), surprises me. Thousands of companies make donations to charity not only at Christmas but throughout the year, as do members of their staff through payroll giving and other schemes. They also send Christmas cards, and I am delighted to say that the volume of charity cards supplied by Britain's charities through this council continues to grow at a healthy rate.

Surely the main purpose of a Christmas card is to send personal Christmas greetings to business colleagues and so forth. If this friendly gesture helps charity at the same time, so much the better. It is said that Sir Henry Cole

invented the first Christmas card in 1843. The design (which may still be seen) depicted a family making merry in the centre of a triptych, while on either side poverty was being relieved and sickness tended. The message was clear: have a good time, have a prosperous new year, but always remember those less fortunate than yourself.

I trust that companies will continue their support by continonly a Christmas card (and preferably a charity Christmas card) can provide. Yours bombfully,

Key vote on Antarctic mining

From Mr Alistair Gammell and Kingdom. We do not want to see the United Kingdom humiliated

Sir, As you report today, conservationists from both governmental and non-governmental organ-isations from around the world are gathered this week in the Western Australian capital, Perth, at the general assembly of the Inter-national Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN). This event looks as though it may do great damage to Britain's environmental reputation.

A key issue is the future of Anterctica. Practically every governmental and non-governmental organisation is likely to come out in support of a ban on mining in the continent as part of the establishment of a "natural re-serve-land of science" in Antarctica. That message will be sent half way round the world to Viña del Mar, Chile, where the Antarctic Treaty parties are debating

But one governmental delega-tion in Perth will be told to vote against this measure: the United

the United Kingdom humiliated in this way, out of step with almost every one else.

Our hope is that, with a new administration in power in London, it will immediately instruct its delegates in Perth to come out openly in support of the protection of the last great wilderness of Antarctica, and put itself among the leaders of enlightened conservation opinion.

Yours faithfully, ALISTAIR GAMMELL (Head of international department, Royal
Society for the Protection of Birds),
ROGER WILSON (Director,
treaties and conventions division, Greenpeace International),
RICHARD C. STEELE (Regional
councillor for western Europe, IUCN),
DUNCAN POORE (Consultant, International Institute for Environment and Development),
JANET BARBER (Head of
conservation, World Wide Fund
for Nature (UK)),

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Government attitudes to sci-

ence funding appeared to change two years ago, insofar as the two previous public expenditure sur-

vey settlements gave welcome

respite from extreme funding

pressures. Furthermore, attitudes

to basic science, epitomised by our

own subjects, were improving with the realisation that the trend

towards near-market research had

perhaps gone too far. Now, sadly,

the position would appear to be

reversed and we are back to near

The effect on UK science in

general will be bad: the effect on our own areas will be singularly so,

not least because of a growing

inability to exploit adequately

recent investment in world-class

Burswood Convention Centre, Great Eastern Highway, ... Perth, Western Australia.

5-10 year periods.

Funds for 'big science' in jeopardy

From Professor A. Donnachie and Professor A. W. Wolfendale, FRS

Sir, UK participants in "big science" – particularly nuclear physics and astronomy – find themselves in an alarming situation as a result of the Chancelion's antumn statement (details, November 9, early editions). As mem-bers of the Science and Engineering Research Council, and as chairmen of the appropriate boards responsible for funding these subjects, we are faced with budgets that have failed com-pletely to be increased in line with inflation. Severe and possibly irreversible damage to our scientific programmes must surely

Funding for these areas of science, in which the UK has consistently enjoyed an excep-tionally high international reput-ation, must be planned and committed over a period of years. Much of the work involves us in international obligations, of which membership of CERN (European Centre for Nuclear Research) and the European Space Agency are probably the best known. Meaningful programme planning in these circumstances requires

Yours sincerely, A. J. DONNACHIE (University of Manchester), ARNOLD WOLFENDALE University of Durham, Department of Physics, Science Laboratories, South Road, Durham.

November 22.

Exploiting patents

From Mr Alon Fuluson

Sir, Your report (November 22) of British Science: Benchmarks for the Year 2000, a report issued by the pressure group Save British Science, raises other issues. Whilst additional spending on civil science cannot be a bad thing, there are other priorities.

The Arthur Report published by HMSO in the mid-1960s reviewe expenditure by leading industrial nations on research and develop-ment and on the purchase of the use of patents. At that time the Japanese spent little on R&D but were by far the largest purchasers of the right to use other nations' patents, including ours. In con-

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The perisher course is generally

regarded as one of the most testing

and carefully controlled exercises run by the Royal Navy. Officers on this course are constantly

supervised by the perisher teacher

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exercise the submarine's ap-pointed CO is ultimately respon-sible for the safety of the

There is no doubt that sub-

fishermen, particularly in inshore waters, but it would be wrong to

imply that this tragic accident was chiefly caused by an officer under

From the Director of the Charities Aid Foundation

Sir, Despite many years under

proscription and a grave lack of

financial resources, the new foundations and charities of cen-

tral Europe are capable of making

a major contribution to social

welfare, health and protection of

the environment and the dev-

Under a scheme with Europe-

wide support, through the Euro-pean Foundation Centre in

Brussels, the Charities Aid Foun-

dation has just announced the

establishment in Prague of an

office which will serve as a

exchanges and financial support

for well-defined projects in the

Czech and Slovak Republics.

Similar offices are being estab-

lished in Warsaw by the Fond-ation de France and in Budapest

by the European Cultural Founds-

enst-effective means of providing

desperately needed emergency aid

and support for long-term struc-

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time of economic stringency.

Charities Aid Foundation, 48 Pembury Road,

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MICHAEL BROPHY, Director,

Yours faithfully,

Tonbridge, Kent.

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Yours faithfully,

PETER COBB

trast, we were spending much more than the Japanese on R&D but virtually nothing on the exploitation of patents. Now the Japanese have to do their own R&D in order to sustain their dustrial development.

Is it not now time that we made more effective industrial use of the research results languishing in university and other libraries? Industrial exploitation of what we have available in research reports and in patents might be of more value than adding more public money to science research. What about technology research?

Yours faithfully. ALAN FULWOOD. 22 Trelawny Way, Bembridge, Isle of Wight. November 23.

'Corporate' arms From Professor Emeritus Norman Pye

Sir, How could it be possible for three foreign secretaries and the many others consulted by the ign team to have accepted, in Mr Richard Moon's new version of the royal coat of arms (report, November 13: letters. November 30), that the lion of the traditional version be replaced by a minowing cat and that a disproportionately enlarged shield should obliterate, completely or partially, so many of the letters of the lege soit qui mai y pense" that it can only be read by those who know what the missing elements are?

Yours sincerely, NORMAN PYE 127 Spencefield Lane, Evington, Leicester. November 30.

From Mr Ian Linn Sir, Do my old eyes deceive me? Or has the artist given the unicorn cloven hooves on its hind less? By what taxonomic authority has this remarkable species been transferred from the Perissodactyle to the Artiodactyla? Are we seeing here a revival of the preposterous theory that the unicorn is merely a deformed oryx?

Yours etc. IAN LINN University of Exeter, Department of Biological Sciences. Prince of Wales Road, Exeter, Devon. November 30.

From Dr John Norris Sir, A cloven hoof! Now at last we have proof of the triumph of the Devil in England. Yours etc.

JOHN NORRIS. 51 Moberly Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Wooden spoons

From Mrs K. J. Barnsley Sir. I received the questionable honour of the booby prize at a Liberal Democrat "skittle evening" recently: David Owen's book, Face the Future. What might suitably constitute a similar prize at a social event organised by other political parties? Yours faithfully.

The man who has to make news with profit

The new chief executive of ITN surveys the challenges of

maintaining standards in a commercial news service

BOB Phillis, the former managing director of Central Television and doyen of a growing class of "profes minaging directors" in the media industry, enjoys a

He was widely touted as the man most likely to displace an existing ITV company with a bid for a Channel 3 licence in next year's franchise auction, but has chosen instead to skipper Independent Tele-vision News through unharted commercial waters as its new chief executive.

Transforming ITN into a profit-making international news service, while maintaining its quality, seems an appropriate task for a "workaholic" and "news freak", who claims never to have had a career plan other than "avoiding boredom".

The task of attracting viewers who traditionally turn to the BBC at times of crisis will also be a priority after new ratings figures revealed that five million more viewers tuned to the BBC than to ITN for nightly news during the Tory leadership battle. ITN, which was first with the news of Mrs Thatcher's resignation and the candidacies of John Major and Douglas Hurd, plans to capitalise on its increasing ability to get there

But Mr Phillis says his biggest challenge will be to persuade the 15 ITV companies that it is in their best interest to "maximise ITN's value" by supporting it wholeheartedly in the lead-up to 1994, when, under the new Broadcasting Act, they must divest 51 per cent of their collective shareholding. "The ITV shareholders must see the need not just to maintain quality of the news, but to create shareholder value," he

ITN, forced to halve its night service and shed 36 staff as part of an effort to cut costs by 16 per cent, has been thrown into financial turmoil by the Broadcasting Act. Existing ITV companies, which have been hit by an advertising recession and need cash for the forthcoming auction of Channel 3 franchises, are worried about providing it

with more funds. A serious cash problem was averted in October, when ITN persuaded ITV to put up £7.8 million to see it through until the end of December, when it completes its move to purpose-built premises in Gray's Inn Road, London WC1. In August i went over budget by £250,000 covering the invasion of Kuwait. It had budgeted for £7 million in rental income from its new building, which cost £70-£80 million, but has been

unable to annact tenants. Mr Phillis's first task when he takes over from Sir David Nicholas as chief executive next February will be to ensure that ITN's core news contract with ITV "fairly reflects the costs of high-quality news, while allowing ITN the flexibility of expanding into other profitable areas".

Mr Phillis, a non-executive director of ITN between 1982 and 1987, when he was at Central, has visions of an ITN international news empire, spanning terrestrial television.

Priority: Bob Phillis will

throughout Europe as well as in North America and other English-speaking countries. "News for Channel 3 and Channel 4 will always be the bedrock of the business," he

ITN, which produces the radio news bulletins for London's Jazz FM and other stations, has already indicated its interest in bidding either for the new speech-based national commercial radio licence, or for a contract to provide the news bulletins on that and the other two musiccased networks.

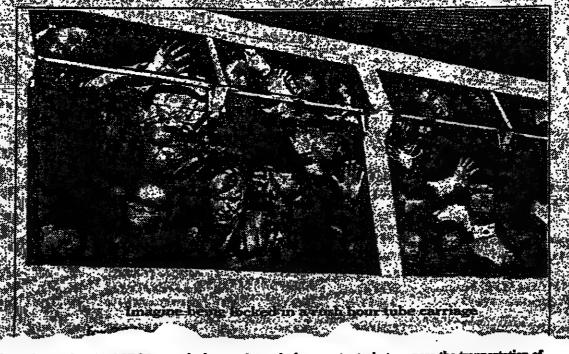
Mr Phillis is convinced ITN will become profitable, although it is difficult to say when, and he feels it will have no problem attracting suitable investors. It is not a new problem for him. When he left his post as managing director of Independent Television Publications, which publishes TV Times, to join Central, he was immediately faced with the task of finding buyers for 49 per cent of the new company's shares. He is adamant, however, that new shareholders must be media

Sir David, who continues as chairman, says several American companies have already shown interest. They are, however, restricted by EC law from individually holding more than 20 per cent.

He is committed to introducing an employee share ownership plan, which could account for as much as 10 per cent of ITN. Any ITV company which loses its franchise could also continue as a non-ITV shareholder.

Where this leaves Carlton Communications, the Zenith television producer and video duplication group planning an ITV bid, is unclear. Mr Phillis has been vitally involved in co-ordinating any Carlton bid, and will remain as group managing director until he joins ITN in February. "If Cariton wins a franchise, it will automatically be an ITN shareholder. If not, then it might be an ITN shareholder," he says.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK



Campaign tactics: the RSPCA uses the image of a packed commuter train to oppose the transportation of live animals, while the NSPCC's neglected child — a model — has the necessary "appealing sadness"



Softening the hard sell

advertising design can sell carpets, compassion, saccharin tablets and sadness. Anything can be turned into an appealing product except suffering.

Most important charities and special interest groups use advertising. As soon as they embark on this course, they have to accept that they are entering a market place and are competing with one another. Competition can be as bitter between charities as between corporations.

Most charities have two targets: the raising of funds and the transformation of public opinion. They exist for the alleviation of suffering, but suffering is a poor product.

Campaigners are dissuaded from showing it by the Advertising Standards Authority (funded by the advertising industry), which has powers to stop the publication of advertisements judged too shocking in their representation of cruelty or pain, if the ASA decides that an advertisement is using tactics that cause, or might cause, unnecessary distress to the public, it forbids publication. It recently remarked that publishers should have regard to the sensitivities of their readers before publishing advertisements which provoke revulsion

The NSPCC ranks tenth in the league of the big fund-raisers. A complaint against one of its fund-raising advertisements was upheld by the ASA in 1988 for being too graphic in its detail about child abuse. The juxtaposition of the advertisement

International Advertising

Sales

Charities have to tailor their message to the advertising rules on taste, Peter Dormer reports

with details of BBC children's programmes in Radio Times was an added factor.

Today the NSPCC realises that in fund raising it has to go along with the mores of consumerist culture. Grubbiness - the street prchip look is acceptable; it has an "sah" factor, whereas a picture of brain-damaged slobbering has not.

The criteria that mould good advertising design for other products apply also to the selling of the NSPCC. For example, the child portrayed (always an actor) should have an "appealing sadness" and there should be good eye contact between the child and the viewer. What is being sold is a positive product, sympathy, not a negative product, such as anger or

The NSPCC says it tests its advertisements and has discovered that, for fund raising, positive is best. The irony is that what is apparently offensive to good taste is not the rottenness of a rotten activity, but the alleged bad manners of the messenger who draws our attention to it.

The lobbyists and charities campaigning for better treatment for animals are in a more difficult situation than those who deal with human beings. No animal-centred charity is in the top ten in this country - the RSPCA, the highest, ranks

So important is the need to emphasise the positive that even the advertisements geared towards farmers have to disguise their message. Dr James Serpell, an animal behaviourist, recently gave a talk in which he drew attention to an advertisement aimed at mink farmers. It showed a collection of deftly drawn minks standing on their back legs, each one of them looking like Tarka the Otter. They were pictured in a rolling countryside beneath a setting sun. The advertising copy referred to the mink as "the crop". This distances the farmer from the reality that mink, unlike sugar beets, are sentient beings.

n speaking out for the silent or merely furry lobby, how should charities proceed? The RSPCA recently tried to use a dead horse. Its advertising agency bought a dead pony from an abattoir, hung it from a meat hook, took a photograph and used it to draw our attention to the fact that under EC regulations Britain would, in 1992, start exporting live horses for slaughter.

In some eyes the RSPCA had previously fouled the pavement of good taste with its campaign for the registration of dogs, which pictured a pile of dead canines. This was tolerated, but the dead borse advertisement was swiftly banned by the ASA, which argued that the RSPCA had gone too far and that the image was using shock tactics. The ASA's code states that the content of advertisements should not cause grave or widespread offence, nor excite distress, merely in pursuit of an attempt to attract attention, or

The ASA does not need to wait for public complaints. The last time it took the initiative was with Today newspaper, which at the last general election produced an advertisement predicting a hung Parliament. The poster showed Margaret Thatcher, Neil Kinnock and David Owen with nooses around their necks.

Some animal lobbyists, such as Lynx, the anti-fur campaigners, now use the ASA as a consultancy to see what is acceptable and what is not. Lynx and other animal concerns. including Compassion in World Farming and the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection (BUAV), are frustrated by the tyranny of good taste. Reader's Digest, for example, refused to accept advertising from Compassion in World Farming because the company thought its picture of a battery hen was too grim, and BUAV says that the National Magazine Company, which publishes Cosmopolitan, Harpers and Queen and Good Housekeeping, will not accept its campaign for cruelty-free products on the grounds that to do so would cause offence.

So, green, caring and sensitive though the Nineties are predicted to be, the charities must learn one thing: massage with your message.

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Eat, drink and be ferried

department's annual Christmas drink-driving campaign got under way. including a television commercial decaned so disturbing that it can be shown only after 9pm. At the same time the government has announced plans for a bill next year increasing prison sentences and stipulating post-disqualification driving tests for those who hit both the bottle and the ignition key.

Statistics show that the advertising campaigns do hit home. Last year, the Home Office says, there were 1.4 per cent fewer positive breath test results over the Christmas period in England and Wales than in 1988, although 4,000 more drivers were tested. The growing penalties imposed on offenders also serve as a deterrent. Causing death by reckless driving now carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison and at least two years' disqualification; drink-driving offences not involving a fatality carry up to six months in jail. automatic disqualification for one year, and a fine of up to £2,000

Inspector John Bond, staff officer for Warwickshire constabulary, believes the various drink-driving campaigns are changing social babits. "About five years ago, drinking and driving was deemed acceptable, providing one wasn't caught. Now it is outlawed socially, and people disapprove openly of those who step out of line. The public still goes out to pubs but drinks less, and it's no longer wimpish to abstain or go for a low-alcohol order."

So why do we need the cam-paigns? "People's responsibility can slip at Christmas," Inspector Bond says. "There are more social activAs the Christmas drink-driving campaign begins, Jane Bidder finds

ways to party without straining your pocket — or your relationship

ities, and one might have one too many at the office party before stopping for a top-up on the way

What is the effect of all this on the social life of the country? Cracking down on drink-driving has turned many a lively guest into a party pooper, according to Jean Wigzell, who caters for about three events a day over Christmas, besides hosting at least five for her friends in Cheshire, "People don't stay as late as they used to because their reduced alcohol intake dampens the atmosphere. Before the anti-drinking campaign started, they might have stayed until lam. Now it's more like 11pm, particularly if conversation becomes strained. Guests also need more time to walk home in the country. And if they are getting a taxi, they want to do so before midnight, when fares go up."

London revellers are becoming equally temperate. Charlotte Blenkinsop, a PR who holds at least one dinner party a month, is amazed by the number of empty mineral water bottles the morning after. "I do find that I no longer encourage guests to have another drink. I'd also say that people tend to come out more for a chat at dinner parties than the booze. And we all seem to be more in control of our emotions."

Drinking at home has never seemed more appealing. According to Peter Dominic, the wine merchant, off-licence sales increased by 21 per cent between 1985 and 1988.

Those who do venture out, according to the Portman Group, the drink industry-sponsored organisation to combat alcohol misuse, are less likely to feel embarrassed about ordering an orange juice or low-alcohol drink (sales of which have increased sixfold in the past five

Age is no indication of responsibility, according to Dr John Rea, director of the Portman Group: "I have six grown-up children who systematically share the driving with their partners. None of us ever drinks and drives. But I have come across middle-aged couples who are far less responsible and reluctant to change the habits of a lifetime." Country-dwellers have long since

given up relying on public transport to make party-going easier. Made-leine Sumner, the rural transport adviser to the Hereford & Worcester community council, says her local transport operators are typical in their failure to put on extra buses: They presume people will make

'Many men feel it's a test of their control, especially in front of male friends, to insist on driving

alternative arrangements. You might be able to catch a bus into town, but you're unlikely to find

one for the late journey back." Ms Summer's acquaintances frequently hire minibuses from local voluntary organisations to take themselves to the nearest bright lights. Others form car-sharing nemes: "One person will offer not to drink at all for the evening, so he can drive five others home."

When visiting her parents in Buckinghamshire, Katie Ryder-Richardson, aged 21, dusts down her old bike for night-time excursions. Even that requires caution, however. "A group of us ride together across fields, since you can be caught drunk in charge of a bicycle, if on the road," she says. If a pedal bike is unsuitable for glittering events further afield. Miss Ryder-Richardson will think twice about going, especially as her boy-friend has not got a car; "one becomes choosier about invitations," she says.

Some companies provide trans-port for their Christmas parties. Nancy and Neil Hughes spent last Saturday night at the video in-dustry's Vision Ball, held at the Grosvenor House hotel in London, an 80-minute drive from their country home. "Fortunately, one of my suppliers sent a car to pick up ourselves and another couple en route," says Mrs Hughes, aged 28, a sales administration manager. "More and more firms are doing this. If we badn't been given a car.

we would probably have taken the train up to London and got a cab back, which would have cost £40."

If taxis are too expensive or unavailable, somebody must be persuaded to stick to mineral water. Failure to agree on this can indicate cracks in a relationship, according to Zelda West-Meads, a counsellor and spokesman for Relate, which sees a 25 per cent to 50 per cent increase in clients after Christmas. "If a couple fail to discuss who will drive and who will drink before the event, it could mean they don't discuss other aspects of their relationship sufficiently."

he says another common argument is that a husband may have agreed not to drink too much in order to drive home. "The wife, at the end of the evening, might feel he's had too much. If he disagrees, and if his partner has been drinking (as agreed), there can be a problem. It really boils down to whether you'd let your loved one down and break a commitment. Many men feel it's a test of their control - especially in front of male friends - to insist on carrying on driving even if they

Meanwhile, the topic of how to mould one's social life around the law continues to be a dinner-table staple. In the cities, at any rate, help is at hand. Foster's, the brewer, is spreading a little post-Christmas cheer by sponsoring free New Year's Eve travel on London Transport buses and trains from 11.45pm to 5am - tube trains will run half an hour later than usual, and there will be 225 extra all-night buses. Perhaps next year, more drink companies

Soccer can be a dicey game

Terry Venables offers everyone a chance to share in the trials of

the football manager's dugout

manager, may have the best of games this Christmas. Not on the football field, necessarily, but around the family table. With Paul Riviere, his friend and partner, Mr Venables has devised, developed and marketed what is proving to be one of the most successful new board games in the shops. It is based on the treacherous ground he treads daily, the life of the professional football manager.

Sport being what it is (a perfectly serious business), Mr Venables has done a deal to ensure that he gets a good pitch at White Hart Lane. His game, The Manager, is pro-moted over the loudspeakers and in-house video before

Depending on where you buy it, the game costs from £24.95 to £29.95, can be played by any number from two to six, and is designed not to appeal exclusively to football fans. To move the game along, as well as dice, there are 960 questions on football, show business and general knowledge. Then there are hazard cards, football players with varying transfer values, and provisions for auctions, penalty shoot-outs, and win-ning the championship title or the FA Cup. At the end, though, it is the manager with the most money who wins.

No one has better reason than Mr Venables, who has been under financial restraints ever since moving to Spurs, to observe: "I often hear people say about a successful club that it is not the money but the players that counts. Without the money you cannot buy the

players." The inventors claim that women tend to play The Manager rather better than men, possibly because they are naturally careful with money. But the Spurs players

are enthusiasts, too, and have

Terry Venables, the taken to playing noisy bouts Tottenham Hotspur between games and practice sessions.

Mr Venables, who started football life as a precociously assertive inside forward for Cheisea, has a restless and creative mind. During a successful, but bitterly terminated sojourn as manager of Barcelona, he led the team to the Spanish title and the final of the European Cup. He also found time to co-author with Gordon Williams three Hazell novels, which led to two 13-part television series, and a football book. It was while writing the last that the idea for The Manager came to him like a perfect pass.

He is contemptuous of the defensive wall of opposition deployed by established games companies, which control much of the market. "They thought this was just some gimmicky thing I had endorsed. They would not even look at it." Mr Venables says.

inally he and Mr Riviere decided to play the high risk card. They raised £400,000 of their own money to market the game on their own. That was enough to manufacture, box and package the first 50,000 sets. The pair, trading as Glenhope Management, have sold half that number since the end of

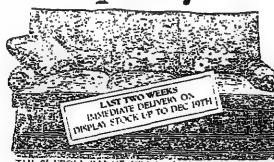
The Princess of Wales has been presented with a set. Harrods says The Manager is "the most exciting game since Trivial Pursuit". Hamleys and Selfridges report strong sales, and The Manager is doing well in Woolworth's and W.H. Smith. The game is now patented in other European countries, and may be translated into an American baseball version to be known as The Coach. The game's originators are confident they wil

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Game plan: Terry Venables (left) and partner Paul Riviere

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today at the Stationers Hall, Ave Maria Lane, London EC4, when lordships of the manor go under the hammer, together with their ancient rights to hold markets and fairs, to fish and to benefit from certain mineral excavations. According to Robert Smith, of the Manorial Society, most interest is likely to shown in the Lordship of Balls in Bedfordshire (which carries little but the title). Others on offer, estimated from about £5,000 to more than £100,000, include the Lordship of Dagnall in Buckinghamshire, which includes the "historic right to be Master of the Queen's falcons", and the Barony of Lune in County Meath, Ireland, the highest ranking title on offer.

It's a cracker

TIFFANY, like many of its big competitors, will fill Christmas crackers with any-thing from a diamond ring to a sterling silver spirit level. Cracking gift ideas start from about £15 (for a solid silver

In the field

DETAILS of the Field Studies Council's proposed courses for 1991 have just been pub-lished, beginning late this month with "Bird Study for New Year" and continuing with "Life on and around the Sea Shore", "Fungus Forays", "Nature Photography" and "Landscape Painting". Costs start at around £75 for a weekend. Further information can be obtained by sending a large SAE to the Field Studies Council, Central Services, Preston Montford, Montford Bridge, Shrewsbury SY4 1HW (0743 850674).

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here was a time when Christmas Day television meant persuading the children to put their toys down and stay quiet long enough to allow the grown-ups to watch the Queen's broadcast. And after that, the set was switched off, allowing the typical nuclear family to return to its games, its squabbles and its drinks cabinet.

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Then, on December 25, 1986, the seemingly impossible happened. For the first and only time in British television history a single programme - the second part of a special episode of EastEnders achieved an officially estimated audience of more than 30 million.

The trend had been developing for some years, of course, but if anyone within the BBC or ITV had any lingering doubts, they were dis-pelled that day. The Lord's birthday had become not only a television festival but also the centre of the most fiercely contested ratings battle of the year. And when the BBC comes out of its corner at 11.30am tomorrow with its final list of programme timings it will once again bring to an end an annual war of rumour, counter-rumour and Machiavel-

lian skuldugger Last year, for example, the Radio Times received two separate schedules for BBC1 on Christmas Day. At the last moment before the magazine's listing pages went to press, it received the terse message: "Go with schedule B." The two schedules were almost identical, except for one vital difference - the transmission time

for the film, Crocodile Dundee. If Pat Southam, the head of transmission planning for BBC1, needed justification for such duplicity she can point to the outcome. When the Broadcasters' Audience Research Board (Barb) came out with its figures at the end of the week, Crocodile Dundee had become the BBC's most successful film of all time, with an audience of almost 22 million, narrowly failing to overhaul the ITV quartet of Jaws and three James Bond films, Live and Let Die, The Spy Who Loved Me and Diumonds Are Forever. The cloak of secrecy

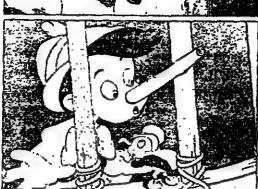
As the BBC and ITV

prepare for their

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ITV double act: Ken Dodd and Pinocchio

which had been flung over the precise transmission time had clearly prevented ITV from coming up with any response, James Bond would doubtless have approved.

At other times of the year, the rival channels have a tactical choice. Faced with a programme of mighty audience potential, they can either "block" it by showing a comparably high-rated offering at the same time, or elect to "sacrifice" a more esoteric item so as not to diminish the impact of their own blockbuster earlier or later in the evening. But over the Christ-mas period, when neither of the-big two networks dares to lose an audience which it may have difficulty in regaining, the sacrifice option is too dangerous to consider. It was surely no coincidence that on the same day and on the same channel as Crocodile Dundee last year, Only Fools and Horses

than 20 million, making it the fifteenth most popular programme of the Eighties, according to Barb. The one had undoubtedly helped the other.

This year a new series of Only Fools and Horses gets under way with a Christmas special, and the BBC is also known to have captured the film ET for its first television airing. It is widely assumed that both will be

shown on Christmas Day, but their transon times will not be revealed until tomorrow. Meanwhile, ITV launched its rival package yesterday, proudly revealing Ken Dodd's first television spectacular for eight years, Ken Dodd at the London Palladium, and the television premiere of the Oscar-winning film, My Left Foot, starring Daniel Day-Lewis. In a broadbased raid on the big screen, the channel also throws into the arena the first appearance on tele-vision of Walt Disney's Pinocchio, as well as Eddie Murphy in Beverly Hills Cop II and Patrick Swayze in Dirty Dancing.

Unashamedly adopting the language of conflict, ITV promised that its £35 million Christmas schedule "will vie for the viewers' loyalties with special editions of many popular entertainment shows and

a prime selection of top-class movies". As well as Dodd and its three top films, its list of names includes Michael Aspel, Rowan Atkinson, Michael Barrymore (with a Christmas version of Strike It Lucky), Cilla Black, Honor Blackman, ice stars Torvill and Denckman, ice stars Torvill and Dean and George Cole in the first of a new LWT comedy series, written by Yes, Minister author

Jonathan Lynn.
A former BBC planning executive, who has also worked for ITV, explains the corporation's critical 48-hour advantage in the war of nerves. "The BBC can wait right up to the Radio Times's latest print time before showing its hand," he says, "but ITV is under heavy pressure from the advertisers who want the maximum advance notice of high-audience

"The reason why both sides clocked up an audience of more have to keep their schedules close



Running again: Del and Rodney take up the challenge for the BBC with Only Fools and Horses

to their chests is because, at Christmas time, there are no fixed points to start from. Usually the BBC, for instance, would know when it is going to be up against Coronation Street and would re-spond accordingly - but at Christmas there are no such rules."
Although the independent net-

works are under greater pressure to produce viewing figures which will satisfy their advertisers — and justify peak prices — there is no doubt that the BBC is equally

determined to win the battle. Its schedules are never committed to a piece of paper in case such a document should fall into the wrong hands and Roger Mackay, the overall head of transmission planning, admits to "an element of competitiveness" in last-

minute adjustments. We are a public service and people who pay the licence fee are entitled to a full value and range," he says. "But we also have to wait to see exactly how long some of

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So when do he and his lieutenants, Ms Southam at BBC1 and Tom Wymer, her opposite number at BBC2, first get wind of ITV's intentions? "We always look forward to reading TV Times as soon as it comes out," he says. without quite managing to make it sound convincing.

MEDIA WATCH

Tears for the turtles

SMILES of delight on children's faces when they unwrap Christ-. mas videos of Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and The Little Mermaid bought by their parents in the United States may turn to tears when the VCR is turned on and all they see are scrambled lines. American VHS recordings made on the NTSE standard, are not compatible with British VHS recorders, which use Pal. Afthough the Copyright Act allows videos to be imported for personal use, the Federation Against Copy right Theft (Fact), set up by the American studios to combat video piracy, has warned that any attempts to copy American NTSE videos on to the UK standard amount to theft. Campaign Against Turtles Copyright Heist (Catch), a new consumer group, plans to campaign for a change in the law to allow one-off format transfers to be licensed.

Addition to the listings

TV TIMES and Radio Times will face competition next March from a new national television listings . magazine, Ti Plus. To be launched by Hamfield Publications, TV Plus will be aimed at the ABCIC2 family audience, says Andrew Walter, Hamfield's chief. executive. Ti Plus is the first of many magazine launches expected in the wake of the breakup of the . television listings duopoly

Price on popularity

A SUGGESTION by the Office of Fair Trading that prices paid for networked television programmes on ITV be linked to ratings and advertising revenue would limit the range and diversity of programmes shown, the Independent Television Commission has said. There is a danger that ITV companies would maximise their revenue by selling to the network only high-rated and low-cost pro-grammes, such as Blind Date and Coronation Street. Documentaries and arts programmes, which bring in less advertising, would get less exposure. The OFT, empowered to ensure the new networking agreement is not "anti-competitive", says it has not come to any firm conclusions yet as it is on a "broadcasting learning curve",

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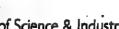
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experience of funding the arts make the task

easier for Tim Renton, the new minister?

job beset with both perks and perils. Free tickets to any artistic event: hurrah! Constant complaints from the performers and producers when you get there-boo! No boring parliamentary minutiae: what a relief. So little chance to make a mark: what a frustration, "Apart from the challenge and the fun," admits Tim Renton, the new incumbent, "it's a cross to bear."

Even artistic expertise and enthusiasm is no guarantee of popularity. Richard Luce, selfprofessedly ignorant about the arts, was derided in his early years as minister, but achieved godlike status towards the end. Why? Because he came up with the cash. David Mellor may have had the largest CD collection in the history of politics, but until he wheedled a reasonable rise out of the Treasury, arts administrators were determined to withhold judgment on hìm.

Renton is under no illusions about the job. He knows that the public spending round is by far the most important component. He sees his trips around the country as primarily useful for "devilling", gathering evidence and ideas that will enable him to say to the chief secretary to the Treasury, come the autumn: "If we had another £20 million we could really achieve this, and it's not just going to go on administration.

What should be an advantage is that Mellor is now chief secretary to the Treasury. As minister for the arts, until last week, he argued for, and won, a rise larger than inflation in this year's round, though he bequeathes to his successor far smaller planned rises in the vears ahead.

cellor, Norman Lamont, was chief secretary in the two fat years for the arts - 1989 and 1990 - in which government expenditure outpaced inflation. And his new boss, John Major, was then Chan-

cellor of the Exchequer. It is this

ladder of sympathy that could prove just as useful to the arts as the minister himself. Moreover, Renton is likely to be pretty immune to the constant cries of crisis from the arts lobby. "I'm never impressed by big lobbies," he claims. "You get used to the Oliver Twist argument can I have some more, please? -It's always there." Nor is he likely to be moved by what he sees as publicity stunts. "The pity about the Royal Shakespeare Company closing down the Barbican is that

government must bail them out," None the less, he admits that "there was a period when the arts probably did not have enough, though it has very much picked up

there is an element that the

in the past three years". Crucial to the prising of money out of the Treasury is winning the support of parliamentary col-leagues. What those in the arts often do not realise is how hard it is for Tory ministers for the arts to win their party over to the cause.

Perhaps Major, an opera-lover like his wife, will have more instinctive sympathy than his predecessor. Just as important, however, is to convince other members of Parliament that the

Mary Ann Sieghart asks him arts can be an electoral issue. There's always the 'opera-fortoffs' element in the party.' Renton admits. This is the group led by Terry Dicks. He attacks subsidies for "fat cats" who like opera Can overweight Italian singing in his own language") or ballet ("a man prancing about in a

pair of ladies' tights"). These

people will not go away. But they are outnumbered by most of the

parliamentary party, which used

to be more or less indifferent

about money for the arts. What has changed is the contribution the arts have made to urban regeneration. Renton cites Manchester and Glasgow in particular. The return of artistic activity is very important in revitalising these places and the MPs sense that. There is much more sympathy now." Michael Heseltine's return to the environment department should help to

provide a fillip to the arts in the

inner cities. Also influential has been the ecognition of the role the arts play in boosting tourism. Respon-sibility for this awareness lies at the door of John Myerscough, whose report, The Economic Im-portance of the Arts, published in 1988 when he was at the Policy Studies Institute, quietly but persuasively made the case that public money for the arts would be more than recouped in income from tourists. This proved to be a far more effective way of raising

money from the government than

any amount of polemic from directors of theatre companies. On policy, Renton's first big decision will be over how much funding should be devolved from the Arts Council to the new regional arts boards. He is reluctant to commit himself before he has read himself into the job, but concedes: "It's in my nature to be a devolutionist, providing it does not lead to extra bureaucracy." Mellor, by contrast, was suspected by many to be a natural centralist.

Despite losing his (non-voting) seat at cabinet as chief whip, Renton is enthusiastic about his new role. He accepts that minister for the arts is not big enough to be a cabinet job, though he thinks that bundling broadcasting and the press in with the arts could create a minister for culture and communications who would deserve a place at the cabinet table.

On artistic knowledge and experience, he lies somewhere between his two predecessors. He has visited art galleries since he was a teenager and has amassed quite a collection of British and Australian paintings and sculpture. He likes going to Glynde-bourne and the English National

Perhaps most critically for those in the arts who want more money, he is a founding patron of New Sussex Opera. "It struggles and is always in financial difficulty," he says. But it manages to survive and has put on several large-scale opera productions at the Dome in

Will Renton conclude from this involvement that the arts can just about manage? Or will his firsthand experience enable him to convince those on the ladder above him that the arts need more money after all? More likely it will

Backroom boys' work makes the difference

lthough Edinburgh Univer-sity's academic prestige desity's academic prowess in rives from its prowess in the sciences, it can also boast the Watson Gordon Chair of Fine Art. Established in the 1870s, this is the (no satyr in this version) like a oldest university department dedbanana for his presumption in icated to the study of the history of challenging godly musicianship. The competition is in full sway on art in Britain, established in 1870. But while students make good use the right while on the left, middistance, Midas's barber discovers of the old masters in the nearby National Gallery of Scotland, the the ass's ears inflicted on the private labours of the academic Phrygian king for making the staff only occasionally bear fruit judgement. The way the narrative on its premises. Giplio Sanuto and is arranged, however, is less the Italian Printmakers of the interesting from a historical 16th Century is, therefore, a rare perspective than the numerous muses has strayed in from Rapha-Four years ago the gallery acquired one of two known im-

pressions of Sanuto's engraving, "Apollo and Marsyas". The print is the most dramatic and im-Bronzino harpsichord cover. These are the hallmarks of the portant work by this obscure and little documented artist, and its acquisition prompted Michael Bury, the university's expert on the period, to embark upon some gruelling research. He has identified and assembled Sanuto's extant ocuvre and written a By any standards. "Apolio and Marsyas" is a fascinating work. Centre-stage, Apollo flays Marsyas

artistic personality.

Two new small-scale shows at the National Gallery of Scotland make for a welcome change of pace, as Andrew Gibbon Williams reports

el's "Parnassus", clumps of trees have been lifted from Titian, the general composition based on a

archetypal mannerist. Sanuto, despite his Venetian birth and education, is a member of that bande à Michelangelo for whom ostentatious display of familiarity with the High Renaissance and technical brilliance are more important than original invention or, for that matter, than individual

To the modern eye accustomed

to slick 19th-century engravings. forehead, cyclops-eye mid-face, he is the stuff of nightmares. Sanuto's - like Durer's - look stylised and crude, perhaps In recent times, this small-scale,

because he was aiming more at a focused kind of show has done diagramatic record than verimuch to leaven the permanent similitude (Giulio and his brother diet of old masters offered by the were at the forefront of the map National Gallery. Running conand globe-making business). The great pictures of Titian, his major currently with Sanuto, yet another commemorates the centenary of source, are robbed of all life by Hospitalfield, an arts trusts and nervous, brittle drawing and emresidential college near Arbroath. phatic hatching. Andromeda, for Generations of Scottish art stuin the famous Wallace Collection annual summer schools held there oil, becomes a vicious, overbut it is unlikely that many have weight houri, care of Sanuto. And a major leap of the imagination is appreciated its history. ospitalfield, a Victorian required to envisage Titian's lost original of "Tantalus" from mansion built of red sand-Sanuto's bodybuilding fruitstone in a less elaborate

If this meagre remnant of his life's work is representative, Sanuto was a minor and uneven talent inclined towards the macabre. Alien was a horrifying invention, but Hollywood is yet to come up with anything so grotesque as Sanuto's "Monstrous Child"; tiny penis protuding from

Unlike so many of the breed however, Patrick Allan-Fraser was

an artist himself, graduating from the Trustees Academy in Edinburgh, proceeding onto the obliga-tory sojourn in Rome during the 1830s, then trying to make a go of it back home. In London he became part of a now-forgotten artistic group called "The Clique". And it was from these friends among them luminaries such as W.P. Frith and Augustus Egg that he later commissioned pictures to bedeck the house

portraits: Frith flirts with an Italian girl, Egg portrays himself romantically as the garret-incarcerated poet. But the most accomplished, by John Phillip (a Scottish artist despite his nickname "Spanish"), depicts one of the bazards of the Continental sketching trip: a peasant girl in a Seville market giving him the "evil eye".

Sculpture and furniture supple ment the pictures and these flesh out to some small extent Alian-Fraser's personality. Many of the anecdotal subjects, however, (the great man's own "ldle Housemaid" is a case in point) are



Flaying: from "Apollo and Marsyas", 1562, by Giplic Sanuto

forceful and necessary reminders - now that High Victorian art has acquired kitsch value - of the bathos of so much British painting after pre-Raphaelitism.

Giulio Sanuto and Italian Printmakers of the 16th Century (until Dec 16) and Hospitalfield (until Jan 13) at the National Gallery of Scotland. Edinburgh (031-556 8921).

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European political philosophy.

His singing of his own songs suggests Gilbert Becaud in the

Berliner Ensemble, but Williams's

intelligent interview brought out

some superb verbal images, including the cadaver of com-

munism stinking around the

world, and the thought that it did

not need the tearing down of the

Berlip Wall to tell a man who had

climbed across it in both direc-

tions that there might now be a way through the middle.

Monday's Abroad in Britain on

BBC 2 found Jonathan Meades

looking more than ever like a rent

collector from the Mafia, as his

dark glasses and shoulder-padding grow wider by the week. His lugubrious search for the architec-

turally and socially exotic, a useful

counterpart to Lucinda Lambton's

explored in a splendidly cynical Late Show (BBC 2) interview last night, of Wolf Biermann by Nigel Williams, is unlikely to find much of an echo in Korea. Earlier on the same channel, Brian Barron came up with an intriguing documentary for Assignment, contrasting the economic recovery of South Korea with the monolithic bankrupicy of the North at a time when the megalomaniae pyramids of Kim Il Sung stand empty because nobody can afford the glass for their windows. Asked how long the present northern regime could survive

after Kim II Sung is replaced by his anthem-writing son, a Moscow observer reckoned anywhere from two hours to two years; but in the meantime the old man is still there, exerting his baleful Orwellian influence on the ultimate paranoid society. Meanwhile, across 150 miles of barbed wire. 40.000 American servicemen continue to prop up the security of the South, 40 years after the war that first took them to fight there.

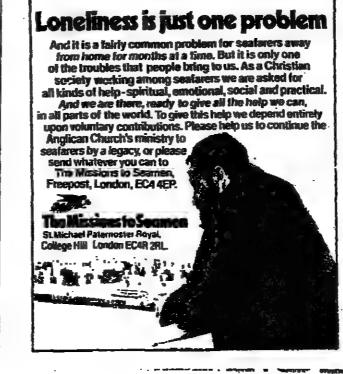
Like Hong Kong, South Korea is the economic envy of its communist neighbours. But, for as long as Kim remains so powerful a god that an apparently amiable admit to camera her murder, in his name, of 116 people aboard a South Korean jet, the chances are that there will be little political change. "Any other young person in North Korea would have been proud to do what I did." the perpetrator announced, over reconstructed film of an airliner having its insides torn out as bodies flew through the windows. Ideology still makes a powerful

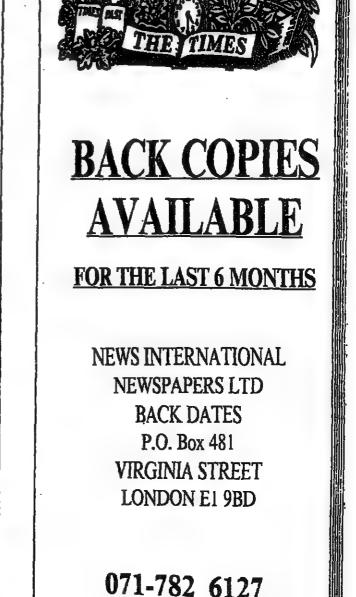
As for Wolf Biermann, the rogue troubadour whose father died in Auschwitz defected from Hamburg to East Berlin in 1953. He was among the first to criticise a corrupt regime there, as a result of which he was duly exiled back to his homeland from his fatherland, and remains one of the great

merely bizarre, led him this week to a series of local Bohemias, in the Isle of Wight, West Sussex and west London. Meades is finding his place halfway between James Lees-Milne and Nikolaus Pevsner, never better than when worrying about whether there are places in Bohemia called England, or why Little Red Riding Hood should have come from there: "Local girl

makes good in sexual allegory. More and more in this series the true star is Meades's producer, Russell England. When some interviewee is proving more than usually turgid. England has his presenter tiptoeing ostentatiously out of the back door, or trying desperately to escape over the garden wall from some unusually ghastly example of Betjemania.

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OPERA

Les Troyens Covent Garden

SCOTTISH Opera has hardly crept mouselike into Covent Garden on this first brief visit. It takes ambition to bring a new work, Judith Weir's The Vanishing Bridegroom, on which Paul Griffiths will report, and Berlioz's Les Troyens, all five and a half hours of it. Such courage was welcomed with just enthusiasm on the opening night.

Tun Albery's production of Les Troyens has been seen around the country under the auspices of the regional opera companies, but not so far in London. It has both worn and travelled well and it was no surprise that the Berliozians turned out in force for an opera that was once familiar at the Garden but is now a rarity.

Troy at times looks rooted in the visual fashions of the mid-Eighties, with the Trojan horse and the Trojan treasure looking as though they had come from a child's toy box. But once across the Mediterranean to Carthage, Albery's production really takes off as, with the aid of his lighting designer Peter Mumford, great washes of primary colour fill the stage. The sky is ultramarine, the sea glistens and finally a blood red covers all as Dido stabs herself and the belligerent Trojans set sail for Italy and a spot more killing. Scottish Opera has come up with a pair of remarkable mezzos



Seppo Ruohoneu as Aeneas and Kathrya Harries as Dide in Scottish Opera's Les Troyens

for Cassandra and Dido. Katherine Ciesinski uses her long arms and body like a Martha Graham dancer as the oracle of Troy, and her voice has all the melancholy of one whose fate it is to announce that bad times are just around the corner. Kathryn Harries's timbre as Dido is warmer and more voluptuous. It lost strength at the beginning of Act V, the point

where many Didos weaken, before recovering all its potency for the

farewell to Carthage and to life. Seppo Ruchonen's Aeneas is of rougher cut - he does after all behave as a cad for much of the time - and if he could not summon the lyricism for the love duet. then he made up for it with the force of his own goodbye to North Africa. There were one or two

weaknesses in a massive cast and two bright beacons of strength: Mark Curtis's Hylas and Patricia

Bardon's Anna. John Mauceri was the musical architect of a stirring evening. urging on his forces and delighting as much in the military as in the romantic moods of Berlioz.

JOHN HIGGINS

young people in East Germany than ever before.

Musically, Jivi Kout's templ in the pit slowed things down but some fine performances shone through: most notably the soprano Eva Johansson as Regina, daughter of the peasant leader, whose musical and dramatic intelligence will see a great future. Manfred Robri was powerful and satanised as deacon Pommersfelden; Wilham Cochran's bottled tenor proved appropriate to the character of Archbishop Albrecht, and Riedinger was sung in the firm bass of Victor von Halem. Jorma Hynninen gave an assured if not wholly compelling peformance as Mathis, and Karen Armstrong in the part of Ursula is a soprano of great range and skill rather than

ANDREW LUCRE

ROCK The Fridge, Brixton MASQUERADING behind

> note but the one called for. As for his lyrics, written copies of which he kept constantly at his side on a lectern, these were mostly indistinguishable. It was only possible to tell that he was "Mr Pharmacist" or "White Lightning" because of the repetitive nature of the chorus, though he did not, as far as one can tell, lead the band through a performance of their Christmas single, "Xmas with Simon". This stands to reason, as it would hardly have been in tune with the

> > JASPER REES

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OPERA Mathis der Maler Deutsche Oper

WHEN Berliners are trying to cope with the problems of unification in their city, the reasons for attending a theatre seem less than persuasive. Who needs art when uppermost in the mind is the search for an identity and financial security? The question is echoed in Paul Hindemith's opera Mathis der Maler, currently at the Deutsche Oper, when the peasant leader Hans Schwalb jibes at the painter Mathis about the point-

ssuces of art in wartime. As in his two other full-length operas, Cardillac and The Harmony of the World, Hindemith explores in *Mathis* the dilemma of being an artist in a society where art seems powerless to stem social ills. Writing his own libretto,

DANCE

Don Quixote

New Theatre. Hull

THE Moscow Classical Ballet's

travels since Sadier's Wells have

brought it this week to Hull, where

the programmes in the attractively

varied the solid diet of Swan Lake

with two performances of a new

British companies have too

rarely tried this light-hearted alter-

native to the standard repertoire

of old classics; only Ballet

Rambert years ago got it right. The

Festival Ballet's attempt was un-

imaginative, Northern Ballet's

more recent one perhaps too

imaginative. But Nureyev has

shown (in Paris and elsewhere)

the new staging are based on the

Bolshoi's mishmash of Petipa and

Gorsky, with additions by Golei-

zovsky and Zakharov, further

revised for this company by their

directors, Natalya Kasatkina and

Vladimir Vasilyov. They have

blown the dust off the work but

They make two main changes.

The plot and choreography of

that it can work.

production of Don Quixote.

Hindemith modelled the opera's central figure on the German Renaissance artist Matthias Grunewald and set the story during the Peasants War of 1524. The painter's passive resistance to events beyond his easel struck a chord with Hindemith when he was composing the opera under Nazi rule between 1933 and 1935.

Far from being out of favour with the regime, though, his staunch opposition to the atomality of composers such as Schoenberg assured him work. Hindemith's music was harmonic, a synthesis of the past and present that he hoped would pave a way to the future. Although the Nazis temporarily banned the opera this had more to do with artistic back-

stabbing than politics. Götz Friedrich's new production of Mathis is neither a Zeitgeist megaphone for Nazism nor for the present. Soldiers are dressed in mottled grey jumpsuits and Peter Sykora's sets are a

French maid and a frisky priest

from a 19th-century farce, sup-

posedly retainers of Don Quixote.

who disguised themselves as a

pantomime horse to play Rosi-

nante and keep an eye on him

during his travels. This does not

exactly add to the clarity of an

The other major alteration is to

give Kitri's silly, effete suitor

an intermittent lump and a solo in

each act. That explains the casting

of Vladimir Malakhov, their

young leading dancer, in the part,

an opportunity which he seizes

with an exuberant display of camp

the cast I saw was given by Ilgiz

Galimullin as Basilio. He is the

young man who almost managed

to make the jester in Swan Lake a

sympathetic character. Given a more amenable role, he fills it with

Tatyana Paly's sure-fire pir-

ouettes and fouettés came into

their own in the last act, but

elsewhere she makes a somewhat

sullen Kitri. Vladimir Rylov con-

ducts briskly an eccentric orches-

tration of the score, which

supplements Minkus with no

fewer than seven other composers,

most of them unknown names.

a lively and robust manner.

The outstanding performance in

already confusing story.

versatile array of grey and white canvases that focused the dramatic action, allowing the opera its own magnificent voice. Hindemeth based his dramatic

climax on the demonic "Temptation of St Anthony", by having each of the characters appear to Mathis in a symbolic form trying to divert him from his art. This is followed by a duct with St Paul in which Mathis realises he will serve both God and the people by returning to his canvas. However, Friedrich has chosen to cut both these scenes and instead follows Hindemnth's directions only in so far as having large reproductions of Grunewald's Isenheim altarpiece visible during the orchestral

prelude to the final scene. This omission is of little help in eightening the impact of the drama, already flagging at that point in Friedrich's production. It also seems a blind move at a time when the church is assuming a much greater significance for

The Fall

very ordinary haircut, Mark

E. Smith looked atterly inconsol-

able, as ever. The point is that his

and his cohorts exercise a pe-

culiarly sadistic brand of con-

Apart from making a late en-

trance, which is standard behav-

iour even for more happy-go-

lucky performers, Smith led his

band through a series of early

exits, froemarching them intently

off the stage without so much as an

acknowledging nod audience-

wards. In the event they strung out

a glumly potent show of 90

minutes, and displayed a sizeable

catalogue of their long-faced strop-pop. There was no "Victoria", no

"A Ghost in My House" - the two covers which shunted The

Fall higher up the charts than any

of their homegrown material -

but there was enough of the latter

to make the point that nowadays

The Fall are the elder statesmen of

Without their various associate

the post-nunk domain.

tempt for their audience.

The opera has never had a full staging in Britain: perhaps the

moved on since 1979. But for the brief and anyway poorly mixed scrapings of a violin, this was a classic instrumental three-piece a thudding rhythm section ornamented by a lead guitar which, when Craig Scanlon plucked rather than strummed it, sounded

as if it was being rudumentarily

tuned in the next postal district. Add to this the pure anachfails somewhere between early Bryan Ferry and the late Sid Vicious, with the apparent addition of some durable metallic alloy. Most obviously in rants such as "Hit the North", Smith slots into the Speakers' Corner school of vocal delivery, moulded around a system of locating any

mood of seasonal cheerlessness.

One is to introduce a couple of extra characters, looking like a WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

not really rehabilitated it.

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TWO London theatres have been involved in an unusual juggling act that has seen the English Shakespeare Company pulling out of its month-long season at Sadler's Wells in February. With ticket sales for its productions of Volpone and The Merchant of Venice not going as well as hoped, the company has now transferred its season (February 4 to March 2) to the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith, which has a more estab-lished theatre audience than the Wells. Consequently, the Islington venue can provide a London home for the touring production of The King and I, starting Susan Hampshire and the Japanese Kabuki actor, Koshiro Matsumoto IX, which should prove a higger revenue earner for the cash-strapped Wells, where audiences prefer their drawn with prefer their drama with a song.

In memoriam

DAME Eva Turner, the great British dramatic soprano who died in June at the age of 98, is to be remembered in a service of thanksgiving for her life at Westminster Abbey on February 5, 1991. Sir Colin Davis, Dame Gwyneth Jones, the Royal Opera Chorus and Royal Opera House Orchestra are among those participating Anybody wishing to attend should apply to Stuart Holmes, assistant receiver general (protocol), room 5, Westminster Abbey, London SWIP 3PA.



Eva Turner: Abbey service

North and south

THE National Museum of Science and Industry has acquired two paintings by the Victorian artist. George Earl, : for the National Railway Collection housed at the National Railway Museum in York. The paintings, "Going North, King's Cross Station" and "Perth Station, going South", were purchased at a cost of £750,000. Director Dr Neil Cossons says "these are the most important railway paintings to have come on to the market in recent years." The paintings will be exhibited at the Science Museum in London be-

$Last\ chance \dots$

BERNARD Meninsky, one of the great generation of Anglo-Jewish artists born around 1890, has never commanded quite as much attention as Gertler or Bomberg. He was altogether a more retiring character, happy painting mothers and children, discreet nudes, landscapes and still-lifes. His brilliantly expressive draughtsman-ship and vibrant sense of colour still remain compelling. A selection of his oil paintings at the Belgrave Gallery (071-930 0294), along with an exhibition of works on paper at Blond Fine Art (071-739 4383) remain until Friday.

Hold on to your technique

Maria Ewing, the fiery opera singer and popular concert hall attraction, talks to Richard Morrison

the first mention of the word, the corners of that famously extravagant mouth turn downwards in rebuke, and those magnificent brown eyes fling back this presumptuous challenge to their owner's professional integrity. The word is "crossover" – a slightly derogatory record-business label applied to such phenomena as opera singers who

phenomena as opera singers who affect transparently fake Cockney accents and sing My Fair Lady,
"I don't like that term, and I don't think it accurately describes what I do," says Maria Ewing, opera singer latterly turned partition purveyor of Gershwin, Portion and Kern "There some have ter and Kern. "These songs have been part of my life for as long as I can remember. This isn't me trying to do something outside of my experience."

Tomorrow night at the Festival Hall, "Maria Ewing: From This Moment On" rolls again, with the Royal Philharmonic and Richard Rodney Bennett in attendance. The show first hit London, via a sound-system of terrifying amplitude, at the 1989 Proms. "That was the right moment in my career and my life," says Ewing, and it is hard to disagree. The spectacle of the waif-like diva, covered in sequins and confiding to 5,000 people that she was "just a little lamb who's lost in a wood" was both totally incongruous and gloriously entertaining.

gloriously entertaining.

The first thing that her col-leagues say about her is that Ewing's perfectionist streak is second to none. Nothing sickens her, she once remarked, more than gifted people who are just damn lazy". If her performance at the Albert Hall last year sometimes seemed to send up the whole genre of opera singers going pop, that was undoubtedly her intention.

"No, this repertoire is not shallow compared with opera. It goes straight to the heart, believe me. It requires different technique - I would always use the microphone, not the projected voice I use in the opera house but it is no less demanding. One battle is to find the right key so that the songs lie mostly on the level of the speaking voice. Then the words can be treated with great expressivity. Also, the natural 'break' in the voice has to be number above that break, in the upper register, is just as difficult as having to place a very high passage in an operatic aria

However, when Ewing refers to last summer as the "right moment" for her to sing these Broadway ballads, she is perhaps making a coded reference to the extraordinary rollercoaster ride which her life seemed to resemble in the previous 18 months.

First came the astonishing Salome at Covent Garden, directed by her then husband, Sir Peter Hall. Of course, there was a succès de scandale element to that triumph, brought about by Ewing's naked honesty at the climax of the Dance of the Seven Veils (the gold



Don't mention crossover: Maria Ewing is a "waif-like diva" with steely determination and a perfectionist streak second to none

lamé G-string was discarded on opening night because Ewing felt it was "vulgar": which prompted surely the longest opena reviews ever published in the tabloid

But there is far more to Ewing's theatrical dissection of what she called "the dark, dark side of sex". Simon Rattle, when he conducted her, described her interpretation of Ravel as "easily the most Xrated Sheherazade you can imag-ine". That was just in the concert hall. Salome showed the totality of Ewing's talent: in voice, in demeanour and in body language, she was a deranged 16-year-old.

haracteristically, the perfectionist firmly rebuts charges that she went over the top playing that fixed and unchanging, that is true. But equally, there is no sense in saying wildly, "We'll just throw ourselves into the roles; just live them'. At all times you have to know exactly what you are doing. and control how you do it. The technique must always be there. If it is, you gain the tremendous freedom that can take a perfor-

mance to the edge." That Salome was in April 1988. Even as Ewing caressed the severed head, the opera world was buzzing with tittle-tattle of a rift between herself and Hall. Four months later, their six-year marriage - his third, her first - was officially pronounced dead. In the messy months after that, Ewing

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must have directed some of her intense pride in giving a pro-fessional performance towards the task of maintaining admirable dignity in the face of some ant media probing.

The following spring she bounced back in the most public manner possible - singing the title-role to 5,000 people nightly in Harvey Goldsmith's mammoth Carmen at Earls Court. Not exactly the artistic high point of audience was so far away I didn't know they were there"). Yet the show did at least bring Ewing's smouldering, teasing, salky Carmen to a wider audience than Givindebourne admits.

Her childhood, in Detroit, was mexceptional; so was she. The origin of that steely determination probably lies in a sequence of events that happened when she was 18. She had won a local singing competition and a scholarship to music college. Then, a couple of days before her first important concert, her father (an engineer, with a mixture of Sioux, Scottish and Negro blood) died. "Your father would have been proud of you" could stand as the

motto of her subsequent career. "I don't know how I ever got into this business. Some people have a great desire to be some-thing; I didn't. I didn't seek this; it came to me. But once it was there - this 'it' - I felt an enormous responsibility towards it. That much is obvious: before she sang the Covent Garden Salome, for example, she ceased speaking for a formight.

Her striking looks undoubtedly to international fame. When she made her British debut at Glyndebourne in 1978, singing Dorabella in Hall's production of Cosi fan tutte. The Times detected an almost tomboyish pout on the lips". That pout - though hardly tomboyish for long - has become one of the most sought-after sights on the operatic stage.

Years ago, when asked to name the singer whose approach most resembled hers, Ewing chose Maria Callas. That was revealing. Still more revealing, perhaps, is the fact that, when asked the same question last week, she said that there was nobody at all. No woman singer turned 40 wants to think about Callas's final years, which

were a tragedy of burnt-out genius. Ewing's vocal style, in which drama is incorporated into the vocal line to an extent that no other singer emulates, has certainly had its critics. Reviewing her Wigmore Hall recital in 1985, The Times said she "did for Schubert and Debussy what Peter Official did for Metal did O'Toole did for Macbeth".

Ewing again, hotly defends herself against accusations that she bends the vocal line unacceptably. "I am very meticulous about line and pitch. I know few singers who are more so. But there's a bell of a lot of drama even in a song recital. If you are singing 22 songs in succession, you are telling 22 different stories. You can't just give pure, clean, vocal lines and nothing else, although of course we know there are singers is why song recitals are a dying art at least in America.

What of the future? Ewing has some surprising ambitions. "Wagner has been suggested. It's not inconceivable for me to sing even Brûnnhilde." More immediately there is her first Madam Butterfly. How on earth will she relate to that poor, oppressed creature? Ewing considers the point deeply. There's something very touching about her. And you know, the Japanese always have a lot more going on inside than they show on

Maria Ewing and the Royal Phil-harmonic Orchestra are at the Fes-tival Hall, South Bank, London SEI (071-928 8800) tomorrow, 7.30pm

RECORDS: OPERA

A heady mixture

Battle/Pavarotti/Nucci/Dara, Metropolitan Opera Orch./Levine. DG 429 744-2. (2 CDs) Donizetti: Don Pasquale. Hendricks/Canonici/ Quilico/Bacquier.

Lyons Opera Orch./Ferro. Erato 2292 45487-2. (2 CDs)

ONLY three years ago, DG issued a new L'elisir d'amore. But it turned out, under Gabriele Ferro, to be rather lacklustre Donizetti. So, with Luciano Pavarotti treating Donizetti's young farmer who comes into his inheritance at just the right time to win his girl as his favoured operatic role of the moment in the theatre, the temptation of a swift return to the studios was not to be resisted.

Pavarotti's Nemotino builds up on record as on stage to a show-stopping interpretation of "Una furtiva lagrima". This is glorious singing, without intrusive sobs or exaggeration. Earlier, especially in "Quanto e bella", the tone had sounded a bit too open and Pavarotti had not shown the agility of his Adina, Kathleen Battle, who responds with quicksilver reaction to every male around her. She eggs on Belcore (a properly swaggering Leo Nucci), flirts outrageously with Dulca-mara (Enzo Dara showing as ever his comic polish) in the Act II barcarole before telling Nemorino in "Prendi l'anel" that he is really the man for her. With James Levine controlling the Metropolitan Opera orchestra and chorus with the lightest of touches this Elisir makes a most disarming set.

Just as Don Pasquale runs second best to Elistr among Donizetti's comedies, so Erato's Lyons-based recording of the piece pales a bit before the high gloss of the Met. There are few complaints about the core of the casting, with Gabriel Bacquier in the title role. A few weeks ago he was enchant-ing Covent Garden as Rossini's Dr Bartolo; here he is as another crusty old man hoping to snare in marriage a girl young enough to be



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Pavarotti playing Nemorino

his daughter, nay his granddaughter. Bacquier, in his midsixties, knows just how to deliver such parts. Gino Quilico, the Malatesta, is equally at home. But would that the rest of the performance went with the brio of their oint patter duet "Cheti, cheti".

Barbara Hendricks and Luca Canonici sing sweetly enough as the two lovers. But Hendricks has a touch of hardness in her voice. while Canonici moves too swiftly off his high notes instead of letting them float as the best Ernestos do Gabriele Ferro is adroit with the ensembles, but shows little sense

JOHN HIGGINS

CINEMA

The very devil of a part to play

eff Goldblum is an attractive devil. Playing the Prince of Darkness is all the rage among leading actions. Jack Nicholson put in his customary "horny little devil" for The Wuches of Eastwick, and Robert De Niro gave a more sulphurous version in Alan Parker's Angel Heart. It is a fair bet that Goldblum watched both of these before undertaking his leading role as Mister Frost. His performance is not like either, but then it wouldn't be.

The film is a weird and not always happy French prod-uction, directed by Philip Setbon. It kicks off at Frost's home, which is supposed to be in England but the architecture of the house marks it him. As a leading man, his down as French. In the garden there are at least 24 mutilated corpses. Alan Bates is the investigating policeman, convinced of Frost's cloven hooves. When Frost is later incarcerated in a French institute for the insane, various French actors wander in and out, speaking bad English.

of the film, however, it rests on the bedrock of a fine performance from Goldblum. The hold he exerts over his female shrink (Kathy Baker) proves that evil is more truly spiritual in its attractions than

The first question is about the Jewish line on the Devil. "I'm not a learned Jew," Goldblum says, "I'm a cul-tural Jew. So let's see." He muses awhile. "Well, there is the Dybbuk, will that do for you?" In fact he derived most of his research from People of the Lie by M. Scott Peck, a psychiatrist who aims to cure the human soul of evil by psychotherapy. A forlorn psychotherapy would have prospect, one would have

Jeff Goldblum talks about his new film, Mister Frost, to Chris Peachment

il. "My own evil is very frightening to me," Goldblum says. "The will to hurt others. even the avoidance of the good deed, these I recognise. This guy has tortured 24 people to death and buried them in the garden. There is that famous phrase the banality of evil'. I just can't see that very banal.

His performance is any-thing but banal; a mixture of physical appeal and a metaphysical appreciation for the finer paradoxes of his calling, The role is a departure for

screen persona can be stubborn, often reticent. He is a big man, at least 6ft 6in, with the shoulders of someone who works out His identity on screen does not waver, but in an age of male stars who conquer opposition, Goldblum has the courage to be inept. John Landis owed of bewilderment and panic.

into the Night to Goldblum's wide-eyed insomniac, blundering around Los Angeles at night in the wake of adventuress Michelle Pfeiffer. His professional gambler in the western Silverado sported a fancy brocade waistcoat, a knife in his riding boot and an unforgettable self-introductory line: "My name is Calvin Stanhope ... but my mother

the scientist who found himself mutating into a fly in David Cronenburg's The Fly, he drew sympathy as the victim. And in Mel Smith's The Tall Guy, he was an actor down on his luck and reduced to playing a dancing elephant.

Goldblum on screen does not often cause things to happen; they happen to him and sweep him along in a state Whatever the shortcomings much of the comedy of his All credit, then, to Setbon for



but the decisive side of him. Goldblum was born in 1952, one of four children, to a doctor in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It was at children's productions of Beauty and the Beast that he acquired the acting bug. He studied in New York, at the Neighbourhood Theatre under Sandy Meisner, whom he rates as one of the best Method teachers. takes 20 years to make an actor, so the two years under him were just a start, and I'm still getting there."
He lives in the Hollywood

hills, but the taste for working in Britain began when he played, for the BBC, the American half of the DNA team of Crick and Watson. discoverers of the double hehx. He admires the higher quality of work available here, and the excellence of the writing. Richard Curtis's script for The Tall Guy was the only persuasion he needed

to take on the role. After Mister Frost, he can be seen in another British production, Ben Lewin's The Favour, the Watch, and the Very Big Fish. He plays a pinnist who falls for a girl and goes wild with jealousy when he sees her with another man. After his physical intervention, he does a long prison stint and emerges with a beard and long hair. "A photographer [Bob Hoskins] spots me as the perfect model for Christ. He puts me up on the cross. I even

get to walk on the water." Is this then a return to more passive roles? "Oh no, but it is appropriate, don't you think, after the Devil?

For some reason, directors making films of the New Testament tend to Cast Scandinavian types as their Christ. "Yeah. At last, a THE SET TIMES

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Germany joins move towards Gatt deal

From Peter Guilford

THE European Community showed serious signs of cracking under world pressure last night after a majority of EC countries including Britain pushed for "a fresh approach" to European farm subsidies to save the Gatt round of world trade talks from almost certain collapse.

After day-long negotiations marked only by a sharp increase in angry rhetoric between Europe and its trading partners over agriculture, EC farm and trade ministers emerged from their own urgent session with some announcing that it was time for the community to reassess its

Only France, Ireland and Luxembourg opposed the move, according to British officials. Significantly, they claimed Germany had joined the majority in favour of further reform. He made Haussmann, the outgoing trade minister, reportedly agreed that "new thoughts and initiatives" were needed. Germany and France form the backbone of Europe's opposition to world agricultural reform. France last night confirmed that a rethink of the EC's position was on the cards.

If the apparent climb-down evolves into concrete concessions later this week, it could provide the key to a successful conclusion of the round, the culmination of four years of often bitter negotiations conducted within the general agreement on tariffs and trade. It will come as dark news to Britain's farmers, who already fear that the community's proposed 30 per cent cuts in farm support over ten years will have a catastrophic impact.

Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, and his agriculture colleague, John Gummer, meet their EC counterparts once again today after sending the European Commission in last night to test the mood of the trade negotiating committee, which regulates the Gatt's 107 member states. But the community is still a far cry from altering its proposals, and would have to change its Gatt mandate, painstakingly agreed after seven ministerial meetings, before giv-ing America's and its allies a firm offer. It is also likely to insist on clear concessions from America in return, particularly over the services industry, which remains blocked over American unwilling-ness to open its markets to all

France and Germany could stil! muster an army of opposition to resist the move. France is bound to resent any attempt to "bounce" it into concessions on farm subsidies. But there is a feeling that the United States and the Cairns led by Australia, would rather see the talks fold than allow it. One American official warned that the talks were "very close to collapse" yesterday afternoon, although carlier threats of a walk-out seemed



Moving event: Norma Major holding her first function at 10 Downing Street, a coffee morning in aid of the NSPCC which was arranged while she still lived next door at No 11. With her are Caroline Nelson (left) and Lady Liz Emery, the NSPCC chairman

West Midlands police facing call for fourth investigation

THREE enquiries involving almost 80 officers from three different forces were already being conducted into West Midlands police when a High Court judge said this week that there should be an investigation into its suppression of an internal report over the Gail Kinchin affair.

The death of Miss Kinchin after she was accidentally shot by police marksmen ten years ago is only one of a number of episodes that have come back to haunt West Midlands police long after their files were closed.

The three investigations currently being conducted include one into the convictions of the Birmingham Six. Two others concern its former serious crime squad, which was disbanded last year amid allegations of fabricated evidence. One of those investigations involves Tom Meffen, assistant chief constable (crime), who in 1980 was the author of the secret report on the Gail Kinchin shooting. Mr Meffen retired from the force on Friday.

Forty-five officers from the Devon and Cornwall force began an investigation in March into the safety of the convictions of the Birmingham Six, who were interviewed by West Midlands officers after their arrests 16 years ago and later jailed for life for the murders of 21 people who died in the 1974 Birmingham pub bombings. The case was referred back to the Court of Appeal earlier this year by David Waddington, the former home secretary, after the submission of new evidence that is

claimed to raise doubts about statements made by the men to West Midlands police.

West Midlands officers who were directly involved in the Birmingham Six case have now received letters from John Evans, chief constable of Devon and Cornwall, informing them that they are to be interviewed by the force's enquiry team. The Devon and Cornwall enquiry is expected to continue into next year and is likely to cost about £1 million, of which West Midlands police will have to pay half. West Midlands police are also

facing a huge bill for the investiga-tion by West Yorkshire police begun 15 months ago into its former serious crime squad following allegations of fabricated confessions. The squad was dis-banded by Geoffrey Dear, the force's former chief constable, in



Metten: author of suppressed report

August 1989. He called in Donald Shaw, assistant chief constable of West Yorkshire, to investigate over 700 arrests made by the squad between 1986 and 1989.

Mr Shaw has a team of 25 officers and two civilians who are working from an office in Birmingham. Their enquiry, involving hundreds of interviews with police officers and convicted men and new forensic tests, is thought to have cost about £1 million and could reach £2 million by the time of its expected completion next year.

A second enquiry concerning the squad was started by the West Midlands police authority after it was told that the West Yorkshire warm had discovered the detective unit's headquarters in Birmingham had not been locked and made secure when it was disbanded 15 months ago and that documents may have gone miss-ing. That enquiry is being investi-gated by Colin Birch, chief constable of Sussex. He is thought to have interviewed Mr Dear about instructions he issued at the time of the disbandment of the serious crime squad, and other senior officers of the West Midlands force, including Mr Meffen, one of the assistant chief constables said to have been present. Mr Meffen retired days before Monday's hearing at the High Court in Birmingham where Mr Justice Hodgson called for the "deplorable" suppression

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of his report to be investigated.

Cold war echo in new legion

Continued from page 1 is being prepared, the regimental cutlery and silver is in use, showers are hot and a washing

machine is on hand. Much emphasis is laid on the presentation of the food. The lunch-time menu on the board at one desert company kitchen read appealingly: "Salade de celerie.
Boeuf et pommes de terre.
Fromage. Cocktail de fruits."

Most of the men have not had

leave in 300 days and were being put through rigorous dawn-to-dusk training, partly designed to prevent time for doubts about the reasons for fighting in defence of a monarchy like that which rules Saudi Arabia

Captain Pierre Chavency, who like 90 per cent of the officer is French, said: "We are ready to go at any time. A legionnaire is a soldier who does not ask himself questions." He did not add that the political cost of legion deaths is also much lower for the French government than those of a purely French force.

The legionnaires bitterly resent suggestions that the French are playing an ambiguous, if not downright feeble, role in the allied coalition against President Saddam Hussein. But they refuse to be drawn into arguments about domestic politics, even when after-dinner Havana cigars perfumed the desert air.

In Gallic fashion, the legion rather than the British "Desert Rats" appears to have inherited the mantle of T. E. Lawrence.

The day will start cold and

duli in some central parts

Political sketch

In good voice for the first scene

AFTER the leadership crisis, in which he helped lead Mrs Thatcher's campaign, Norman Tebbit recently lost his voice almost completely. Then, when his own candidate for the leadership, Douglas Hurd, lost the fight, Douglas Hogg (the junior foreign office minister) was struck down. Monday saw Mr Hogg rasping at the dispatch box, barely audible.

Medical researchers report that loss of the use of vocal chords is often associated with the aftermath of periods of intense trauma. A divorce, bankruptcy or change of home has this effect and it could be that a change of boss, especially where one's career is involved, can have similar results. The day after Sir Geoffrey Howe resigned, he too lost his voice. When television reporters interviewed him recently, leaving his car, he could only whisper. Emotional upheaval, then, can leave us speechless, rasping, or

growling. Yesterday, Mr Major was growling. He sounds more normal like this, so sketchwriters everywhere pray for his recovery. We had made a list of ery. We had made a list or suitable comparisons for the healthy Major timbre. We have already used chain-saws, model aeroplanes and two-stroke donkey-engines: but we still have (in a holding pattern above our sketches) snow-scooters and Messerschmitts, macho mos-quitos and Lady Remington leghair shavers.

So it will be a tragedy if Mr Major's butch new tones turn out to result from voice-correction, rather than temporary ailment. We earnestly hope he is only unwell.

Major's second bash at PM's questions occurred yesterday. Gruffer and less querulous than last week, he did not look so nervous, either. Neil Kinnock looked the more anxious of the two. As well he might: for he was to make the mistake of asking about Mr Major's own constituency of Huntingdon. Every member of parliament,

from the greatest to meanest of intellects, can speak on two subjects with authority, passion and unrivalled knowledge: himself; and his constituency. You

do not need to know anything about Hinchingbrooke hospital to know that the MP who represents it will be teeming with news. You will be unlikely to catch him out. Nevertheless, the Labour

leader tried. The House is an unfair place at the best of times, and the government benches are tor-menting Mr Kinnock mercilessly. He rose, and before he could speak, Tory rowdies were waving their order papers in an

stepped in to quell it. Mr K asked whether the PM would pay back his own debt to the NHS by reversing the policy of allowing hospitals to "opt out" of local control. Mr Major's technique contrasts with Mrs Thatcher's. Her instinct was to raise the temperature. She would have railed about her opponents' dearth of policy, and the superiority of her own. Mr Major aimed to lower the

temperature. He ignored the personal barb and replied crisply that the NHS would be central to his concerns. Kinnock tried again: again with the personal angle. Major responded neutrally; then added that "unlike some Lab-

our MPs" he "unfailingly" used the NHS himself. Loud cheers. Kinnock tried a third time. He broached the question of Hinchingbrooke - a hospital in Major's Huntington constituency - "opting out". Major (as you might have supposed!) seemed to know a bit about this. There was something, he said, he should tell the Opposition leader about Hinchingbrooke: "It was never available under a Labour government. It was this government which provided

it." Louder cheers. Just after Major's appointment as chancellor, this newspaper ran a remarkable photograph of his father, Tom, with first wife, Kitty, sitting on a property box, above a placard "AFTER THE OVERTURE". After a thin overture last week, scene one of our new operetta

MATTHEW PARRIS

Tories hear leader's credo

provoked a racist backlash. Mr Major said: "We believe that every man and woman should be able to go as far as their talent, ambition and effort take them. There should be no artificial barrier of background, religion or race." Setting out his beliefs. Mr Major put first the need for the conquest of inflation, calling it economically destructive and socially divisive

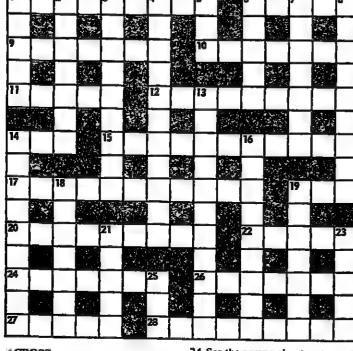
He urged the need for more savings, saying that they would be needed in the 1990s to finance the investment needed to keep British companies competitive. Signal-

ling his government's willingness to be adaptable, he said: "Where we find that things are not quite right, we will listen, and we will make the changes that are necessary. That is precisely why we have put in hand a further review of the community charge."

Britain had to be "in there arguing, persuading and, yes fighting for our interests and vision of Europe."

conservatism which touches every instinct and enters every home. It will never be a word for 'nothing

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- ACROSS 1 A bad girl — one slipping into a loose blouse (9).
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- 18 Blissful state destroyed by sect. 19 Accomulation is mounting in the warehouse (7). 21 Go in for record (5).

23 This boy's said to be bright (5).

25 Romany gentleman's drink (3).

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WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct? By Philip Howard PHIENGITE

a. A red corpuscle b. A Spartan law officer c. Ancient windows BAWN

DZIGGETAI a. A Peruvian stepped obelisk h. A wild ass c. Mare's milk cheese SAURY L A sharn-beaked fish

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of England and over Wales, with patchy frost and some fog

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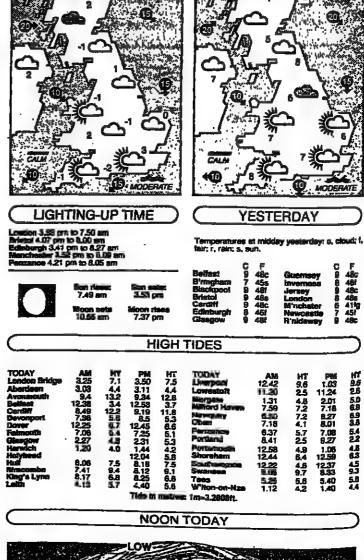
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reveals today's Brainwave winner 12.00 News, regional news and weather 12.05 Happy Memories. Cliff Michelmore and Wendy Gibson invite viewers to recall their lavourite moments 12.20 Scene Today. Live entertainment from Pebble Mill 12.55 Regional news and

1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) 1,50 Going for Gold. European quiz show hosted by Henry Kelly 2.15 Knots Landing: Survival of the Fittest. Drama, tears and intrigue in a

Caldomian cul-de-sac 3.05 Primetime. The planist Russ Conway joins David Jacobs and Shella McClennon

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tretand: Sportswide; 5,40 Inside Liteter 6.00 Six O'Clock News with Andrew Harvey and Anna Ford. Weather 5.30 Regional news magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours 7.00 Wogan, Terry's guests include Imelia Marcol, wife of the deposed

Philippinian president, actor George Baker and St Wintred's Choir 7.35 Doogie Howser, MD, Likeable American comedy about a teerage doctor. Doogie (Neil Patrick Harris) entera a game show for genusee

8.00 The Trials of Life: Talking to Strangers. Sir David Attenborough continues his netural history of behaviour by investigating the art of communication in the anima kingdom. Armed with a small torch, he "talks" to fireflies in the suburbe of Washington DC, using a peir of headphones to pick up vibrations he taps a message to a mole rat, and in the Bahamas he swims with 60 spotted 8.55 A Party Political Broadcast by the Labour Party

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk, Regional news and weather 9.30 Blackadder Goes Forth. Continuing the britaintly manic first world war apool. Unimpressed by the antica of flying ace Son Cred Lord Flashe (deliciously overplayed by Rik Mayelf), Captain Blackadder (Flower Atkinson) nevertheless applies to join the Royal Flying Corps in another attempt to escape the trenches. Shot down on his maiden flight, he finds himself behind enemy lines and sharing the same cell as Beron you Prichtoven (Adle Edmondson) (r). (Cestax). Northern ireland; Ray

10.00 Sportsnight, Steve Rider introduces a double bit of Indoor tootbell and cricket. The final night at the Guinness "Soccer Sor" tournament is being played in Menchester. John Motson and Tony Gubbs provide the commentary as the Sunday, Monday and Tuesday group wanners are joined by Liverpool and Manchester United and the current title holders, Charnor hietic. Plus news from England's faltering cricket tour of Austrate 11.00 Film: The Clean Machine (1988).

The Australian actor Shave Brainy, best Innown in Britain for the BBC sense Call Ms Muster, stars in a terevision film about a trathc cop who is unexpectedly chosen to head a new anti-corruption squad. Emulating Ellot Ness, he assembles a learn of "untouchebles" to help him in his campaign, but runs up against powerful ion. Competent action thelier. tirected by Ken Carneron. Northern ireland. Blackadder Goes Forth; 11.30-12.00 Film '90 12.50am Weathe

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6.00 TV-003 9.25 Keynotes. Musical guiz hosted by Akstar Divall 9.55 Tharnes News and

10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . John Stapleton hosts the travelling discussion

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the game in which couples must have the gift of the gap to succeed 3.15 Nove headings 3.20 Transas Noves headings 3.25 The Young Doctors 3.55 Chucren's ITV: Nellie the Elephant 4.00 Mol Dog 4.15 Mike and Angelo 4.40 Not's Carloon Cuts. Rolf Harris's guest is Tony White, who created the film title sequences for the Parties films.

5.10 Blockbusters. Que show for feenagers, hosted by Bob Holmes

5.40 News at 5.40 with Sun Corpenter. Westing
5.55 Thames Help, Jackie Spreckley

telks to Teri, a tounder member of Women in Special Hospitals 6.00 Home And Away (r) 6.30 Thames News and weather 7.00 This is Your Life. Whose name will

be revealed when Michael Aspel opens the cover of his tampus red book? 7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) 8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight, Another levely hour of music, conversation and cornedy. The guests are Mike Yerwood, Beatings Arthur, star of The Golden Girls, comedian Jethro and the actor furned singer Craig McLachian 9.00 Medics: Niall. More drama of a medical nature with the young doctors

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hospital, and finds himself attracted to physiotherapist Sub (Liz Hicking) 10.00 Party Political Broadcast, By the Labour Party 10.05 News with Sandy Gall and Travor McDonald. Westirer 10.35 Thathas

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18.45 International Boxing Special; European Heavyweight Championship. From London's Albert Hell, Lennox Leves of England Miles on the Italian Centre De Benedetto. This is a chance for Lewis to prove himself as he waits to ke on the British champion Gary Meson. Commentary by Reg

Guitaridge and Jim Watt
12.00 in the Heat of the Night: Walkout.
Virgil and Gilespie have to solve two
murders and avent a strike. Starring
Howard Rollins and Carroll O'Connor



Enjoyment of a non-medicinal kind (9.00pm)

1.00am World Chess. Following the 29th Chess Olympiad, will Karpov or Kasparov win the World Championship and the orize money of more than £1 milion? Raymond

ene reports 1.15 The Making of . . . A behind the scenes gimpse at scr-fi, horror and fantasy films

2.15 Videofashion: New Faces for the Ninenes 2.40 America s Top Tan 3.10 Quiz Night. Pub and club quiz

hosted by Ross King 3.40 Three's Company: The Night of the Ropers, Jack (John Ritter) attempts to salvage the 25th wedding anniversary testivities of the Ropers (Audrs Lindley and Norman Fell)

4.10 Just Champion, Profiles of England hockey star Sean Keney and shooting champion Malcolm Cooper 4.40 Fifty Years On (b/w). Ne

foolage from November 1940 5.00 ITN Morning News with Brenda Rowe, Engs at 6.00

BBC 2

8.00am News 8.15 Westminster. A look at today's business in Parliamen 9.00 Sportz Crazy. Unusual aporta from

Australia (r) 9.45 Film: Dakota (1945, b/w). John Wayne sters in a standard western as a gambler whose planned elopement to California with the daughter of a railroad tycoon is thwarted by his headstrong bride. With Vera Hrube Raiston. Directed by Joseph Kane. 11.00 After Hours. The actor Burt

Reynolds guests on the American showbusiness magazine 11.20 Town Portraits. John Grundy visits South Shields, Tyne and Wear (r) 11.30 Northwards. Warkworth Castle in

Northumberland is the setting for a reenactment of border history (r)
12.00 Mosauc: Grosstalk, the test of two films, looks at how misunderstandings can occur when people use different styles of English (r), and at 12.30 Counselling and Advice across Cultures leatures communications aidle development through advice centre

interviews (r)
1.20 The Adventures of Spot, Cartoon (r)
1.25 What's inside? introduced by Ficelle Benjamin (r) 1,35 Country File, John Craven reports on the Red Deer Commission's intention.

to cull an extra 50,000 hands in Scotland the year (r)

2.00 News and weather, followed by I
Want To Be Normal Again. Two
sufferers of Parkinson's Direase tell how they volunteered for an experimental brain implems which could mean a ours for their liness (r) 3.00 News and weather, followed by

Westminster Live. Coverage of today's Parismentary business 3.50 Nows

and weather. Regional news and 4.00 Catchword. Hosted by Paul Cols

4.30 Behind the Headlines. Beverly Anderson talks to the American poet. Robert Bly, who is a leading member of a new movement for men, which participates in ritualistic instation rites. Also, Nigel Warren-Green, charmen of the London Chamber Orchestra, explains why he believes clessical music is reacting a wider

5.00 Film 90 with Barry Norman, Includes a renew of Peier Bogdenovich's Texasvelle (r) 5.30 Nature: Frozen Assess.

Environmental issues tacing Siberia. 6.00 See Train: The Next Generation, in Too Short a Season, a veteran Starflest ndmiral arrives on the Enterprise to negotiate with a hostile planet. Starring

inck Stewart. (Ceetax) 6.45 Det II: Dance Energy Update Dence music, mores and the new chart Dence music, mores and the new chert Autholography of the USA. American history 6.55 Rough Guides to Careers. In health and monockies 7.35 Rapido. With guesta Paul McCartney and George Hernson. McCartney has just released a triple LP with a new video to mark the tenth anniversary of John Lennon's death, and Harrison talks about the cuil band, the Traveling Wilburys 8,05 Prisoners of Conscience, Sir David

Attenborough with the first of two portraits of people who have been municipal for their bases

 8.10 Scotumeric Microcow to Pretrustrid.
 CHOICE: This is an early repeat of one of the most distinguished *Booleanit*. offerings of the year which won an American Emmy award for outstanding arts documentary. The impact of Paul Pawillowski's film, which could probably not have been made in the pre-glasnoel era, wae in opening up a little-explored underclass of Soviet society. His subject is Benedict (known as Benny) Yeroleyev, a gifted write who was expelled from Moscow



d writer: Benedici Yeroleyev (8.10pm)

university in the Fifties for refusing to attend military classes and was forced to spend the rest of his life as a cown and out. With no papers and no fixed abode, he slept rough, travelled the country, picked up odd jobs and became a heavy drinker. The film wwilly evoluse Yeroleyev's journey from drining dens to sobering-up unit and mental hospital, workpro in his tranchent aemiutobiograprical writings and an interview with the writer, his voice hambly distorted by throat cancer 9.00 M"A"S"H, BJ (Mike Farrell) is not looking forward to his wedding

anniversary (r) 9.25 Die Kinder: Calastrophe Theory. Part four of Paula Milne's teasing political thrifter, set in Britain and Germany, Sidome (Mirarida Richerdson) and Lomex (Frederic Forrest) have tracked down Stetari (Hans Kremer), but liver children Fignet logen taken hostage by the Red Liberation Front.

10.25 Party Political Broadcast. By the Labout Party 10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow 11.15 The Late Show 11.55 Weather 12.00 Presonars of Conscience. Sr David Attenborough with the second of

tonight's two portraits 12.05am Senerci the Headlines (r). Ends at 12.40

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Art of Landscape. Beautiful

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Geography Today
12.00 The Parliament Programme, A
review of yesterday's Parliamentary proceeding and a preview of this tempon's

12.30 Business Daily 1.00 Sessone Street

2.00 Prignmages, in 1955. Rose Parks sparked off the American Eleck civil nghts campaign when she refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white man. Diene Francis, Quaker and down in a black gnetto in Detroit. (Teletext)
2.30 Film: Murder at the Vanities (1934)

b/w). Victor McLagten takes on the role Of detective when a murger take place backstage at the first night of Earl Carroll's Vanities. Though dated, Michael Leisen's whodunit is made more interesting by the use of musical numbers, including "Cocktais for Two" and "Sweet Marijuana". Also starring Carl Brason and Kitty Carliele 4.10 Freze on Four. A documentary

looking at the work of artist Robert

Goldsmith (r)
4.30 Pitteen-to-One, Testing quiz, hosted by William G. Stewart
5,00 The Oprah Winney Show: UFOs. The outspoken discussion show hortess hears from an audience of people who claim to have seen unidenthind flying objects
5.50 The Adventures of TinTin: Black

8.00 The Wonder Years. Award-winning American cornedy about title and

adolescence in the Sixties (r) 6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross. Tonight's guests are Peter Ustinov and the American comedian Emo Philips 7.00 Channel 4 News

7.50 Party Political Comment. By a Conservative politician. Weather 8.00 Brookside. Merseyside soap set in a suburban close. (Teletext)

 CHOICE: Sticking its neck out with a programme that might have to be modified up to the very last minute, Departnes presents the case against going to war with Saddam Hussein. With British political and public opinion broadly in agreement over the use of force against Saddem, the programme claims that there has been inner public debate. To an extent il repigys familiar arguments: that it is hypocrisy to threaten Saddam when equal or worse outrages by Idi Amin and Pol Pot went unpunished, and that the real issue is not moretry but oil. Nor is Dispatches breaking fresh ground in its discussion of the possible sca of casualties. But in interviewing MPs from both sides of the Commons who question the present policy, as well as sceptical politicians from the United States, the film suggests that if there was once a consensus, it is now starting to crumble

2.15 Without Walls.

CHOICE. After demolishing the

reputation of Van Gogh in its opening salvo, the J'Accuse strand lets the rock critic Sean O'Hagan loose on the Rolling Stones. The senes is designed as an antidote to other television arts programmes, which are seen as being little more than public relations jobs. The Stones may be an easy target but O'Hegan and his contributors make the best of it. Their case against Mick Jagger and his friends is that they have become

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le Jagger musically bankrupt? (9.15pm)

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Julian Clary. The outrageous game show host contacts the matta and takes out a contract on Russell 11.00 Sex Talk; The Sex Talk Decate Dispel your sexual anxieties along with 80 young people, who put their questions to a penel of experts. including Susie Hayman, writer and agony aunt, Catherine Francoise, a sex education teacher, Nick Partridge, Ards campaigner and Graham Webster-Gardiner, co-lounder of the

Conservative Family Campaign. The presenter is Mark Chase 11.45 Sid Caesar's Show of Shows (b/w) 12.15am Cycling: McEwans LA Chailenge Cup 1990. The best of the summer a races and the final round which prings the championship to a close in Westminster, Ends at 1,70

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(Symphony in C: Suisee Romande Orchestra under Charles (Putori) 8.35 Composers of the Week: Saini-Saens (Caprice-Valse, Wedding Cake, Op 76; Jorge Federico Osono, piano, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under Ennoue Batiz: Variations on a Theme of Beethoven, Op 35: Philippe Entremont and Gaby Casadesus, pianos, Piano Concerto No 3 in E flat, Op 29: Pascal Roge, LPO under Chanes Duloit

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RADIO 4

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memods of credit payment. 12.25pm Magic Moments. Nige Foundari calebrates tive aspects of contemporary life. Part 5 package holidays (r) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One 1.35 A Party Political Broadcast by

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ond films, a review of a new bography of Gustav Holst; and a review of the production films and the Conveys: currently at the Oto Vic and sisting the Olivier tentaly — including an interview with the director, Richard Olivier (s) 5.00 PM 5.50 Shoping Forecast

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Brewers held back by non-core businesses By MARTIN WALLER THE aftermath of forays into at Greene King, the East the lenure market and further Anglian brewer, which saw afield are featured in trading pre-tax profits rise from £9.41 afield are featured in trading million to £11.02 million in statements from three regional the six months to October 28

and is raising its dividend

group's Big R Leisure roller-

skating, ice rinks and night-

clubs offshoot, which went

into administrative receiver-

sale and the subject of offers,

but even if these are successful

the eventual write-off is likely

to be about £12 million after

interest on the venture is

The third reporting com-

pany, Mansfield Brewery, raised pre-tax profits from

£4.31 million to £4.53 million

in the six months to Septem-

The dividend increase from 3.4p to 3.6p, was held

back by a poor performance

from its non-core activities, a

restaurant chain and a carpet

draw from these, but there is

an extraordinary charge of

The company is to with-

cleaning franchise.

taken into account.

The four main assets are for

brewers, Eldridge, Pope & Co, Greene King and Mansfield from 2.9p to 3.3p.

But shareholders are braced for further bad news from the

The worst news came from Eldridge, Pope, which in-curred an £8.08 million attributable loss in the year to September 29. Operating profits fell from £4.5 million to £522,000 after losses of £1.5 ship in August. million from Realstream, a computer software company that is the subject of a police

Doubled interest charges left pre-tax losses of £2.4 million, against profits of £3.06 million last time. There are also a further £5.79 million of extraordinary losses from Realstream, which is to be sold, and a hotel that has been

The final dividend, however, is maintained at 2.35p, making an unchanged total of 4.1p. Christopher Pope, the chairman, said diversification had distracted management and resulted in a year that was a "major setback". The A shares fell 7p to 95p.

The story was not as bleak £1.94 million to cover losses.

Colloids margins shrink

By PHILIP PANGALOS

INCREASED costs at Allied Colloids, the special chemicals group, restricted pre-tax profit growth to 1 per cent, from £19.2 million to £19.4 million in the six months to September 29. Gordon Senior, finance director, said margins had "slipped a little", from 18.6 per cent to 17.1 per cent.

Profits were held back by

investment in logistical sys-tems and costs associated with commissioning the company's new American plant.

Group sales were ahead 9 per cent to £113 million, with 82 per cent of the total going overseas. United Kingdom sales grew from £17 million to £19.8 million, while overseas sales increased from £86.3 million to £93.3 million.

The company expressed some caution on second-half prospects with regard to "the ncreasingly adverse international outlook". Allied stressed, however, that current market indica-

tions still support the expectation of continuing growth in sales and profits in the second half. Earnings edged up to 4.63p (4.61p), while the interim dividend is raised to 0.8p (0.75p). Interest receipts declined from £864,000 to

Building chiefs

give jobs alert

BUILDING employers have the end of next year, the given warning that at least industry faced "job losses of at 100,000 jobs could be lost in least 100,000, probably construction and have called more", a dramatic fall in the

Elders director faces 37 charges in Rothwells case

A DIRECTOR of Elders DXL has been arrested on 37 charges involving Rothwells, the failed financier.

Geoffrey Frederick Lord, former chief executive of Elders Resources NZFP and still a director of Elders IXL was remanded on bail until February 13, Western Australian government investistate Mr Lord is charged with

criminal offences under the Companies Code, relating to Elders Resources' purchase of about Aus\$20 million (£8.06 million) worth of shares in Paragon Resources, the gold miner. One alleges that Mr Lord conspired with others to fraudulently affect the price of Paragon shares between June and December 1987, the investigators said in a state-

New Zealand company, bought control from Elders The charges were laid by the state government-appointed Rothwells task force and arise from a report into the collapse of Rothwells by Malcolm

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competition and a rising tide

of UK company bankruptcies

ation for us to look around

central London, or the centres

of other major cities, and take

comfort from the vista of

builders' cranes dominating

the skyline. Enjoy it while you

can. Pretty soon the cranes

will be coming down all over

government to make a further

Sir Clifford called on the

He said: "There is an inclin-

Mr Lord resigned from

Elders Resources in August after Carter Holt Harvey, the

On Friday, Laurie Connell, Rothwells' former chairman, and Dallas Dempster, the millionaire casino developer, were charged under the Companies Code with offences involving Rothwells.

Last week, Elders IXL shareholders voted to change the company's name to Foster's Brewing Group Ltd. An Australian stock exchange spokesman said the company would continue to be quoted as Elders until it was officially informed of the name change.



drafts new rule book

By Graham Searjeant FINANCIAL EDITOR

THE investment Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro) has decided not to dispense with detailed rules after representations from members worried that this would lead to confusion and uncertainty.

A new draft rule book greatly simplifies rules for prior agreements with cus-tomers and cuts the categories of customers from four to two: private and business. But business customers such as pension fund trustees can opt for the more formal private customer agreement and vice

The new rules are couched in the form of a readable working manual with notes and guidance on compliance. Rules on several subjects, including soft commissions, marketing of retail investment products, cold-calling potential customers and treatment of client money are still sub-ject to reviews being carried ont by the Securities and Investments Board.

John Morgan, Imro's direc-tor general, said the new rules, though shorter, simpler and more flexible, would not water down protection for the pri-vate investor.

Polly Peck enquiry moves to Cyprus

has flown to northern Cyprus to establish the size of Polly Peck resources held them. Their departure followed

the lifting of a court injunction blocking access to Polly Peck subsidiaries on the island. Richard Stone, one of three administrators appointed to run Polly Peck by the High Court in October, will leave for northern Cyprus today to head the investigation.

Mr Stone said his first priority will be to establish the position of the trading subsidsaries held on the island. The

biggest of these are Sunzest and Unipac. "We will be taking a positive role to establish what we have there and what we have to do to maintain operations."

Mr Stone will also be in-

A TEAM of accountants from vestigating reports that up to Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte £200 million is held on deposit there. "That is obviously going to

form some part of our re-view," he said. He would not be drawn on how much money he expected to find on the island, which is the heart of the Polly Peck empire. Mr Stone said he expected

to be in northern Cyprus for couple of days, although his team would be staying longer. The court injunction, which was imposed soon after Polly Peck was placed in administ ration, was lifted after the

intervention of Asil Nadir, the chairman. Mr Nadir assured the local citrus growers who had obtained the injunction that he would meet any losses they might incur in the wake of the

injunction being lifted.

Watchdog BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Esselte's main backer files for bankruptcy

MOBILIA, a Swedish investment company which owns a majority share in Esselte, the world's largest office equipment firm, has applied to the Stockholm district court to declare itself bankrupt. The highly leveraged company, owned by Gerhard and Peo Lindholm, was unable to pay its debts of Kr2.2 billion (£203 million).

The decline of Mobilia, which owns 37 per cent of Essene, and has 44 per cent of the votes, came amid rising problems at Esselte, which announced last week a 71 per cent fall in profits for the nine-month period to September. This and the rising problems at Mobilia prompted the resignation of Gerhard Lindholm as chairman.

Serif Cowells Society loan in MBO talks

SHARES in Serif Cowells, the USM leisure and printing group, which makes the Trivial Pursuit board game, surged 17p to 43p after news that the company is in discussions that could lead to a management buyout (MBO). The management group, which hopes to offer 50p a share, has control of about 59.4 per cent of the company's equity.

rules change

THE Building Societies Commission's aggregation rules, which come into effect on December 31, will make it easier for building socieries to buy mortgage books through subsidiary companies and to securitise loans. They propose that tial property are bought, they should be treated as other building society loans.

Reed Executive slides

REED Executive, the high street employment agency, suffered a further decline in first-half profits, down 35 per cent, and gave warning that there was "significantly worse" to come in the second half. The shares lost op to 29p.

Pre-tax profits dived from £3.91 million to £2.55 million is the half year to September 28. Turnover slipped from £70,3 million to £68.1 million, although the company believes that its market share is up; against an estimated 25 per cent decline for the industry as a whole. Earnings per share fell from 4.7p to 2.6p, but the interim dividend remains 0.6p.

Leeds boost for charities

THE Leeds Permanent Building Society has raised about £2 million for three charities through its affinity credit card. The society, which launched its card two years ago, has issued 300,000 cards. The Imperial Cancer Research Fund has received more than £1 million, Mencap £455,000 and the British Heart Foundation

Bank warns Soviet Union

THE Soviet Union has been given a warning by Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Governor of the Bank of England, not to allow the pursuit of economic and political change to lead to the break-up of its currency union. He said in Moscow that any break-up would give outsiders and notably potential foreign investors a "cause

Holmes & Marchant fall

HOLMES & Marchant Group, the marketing consultancy, has cut its final dividend to 3.3p (4.5p), making a total of 6.6p (7.5p) after suffering a 43 per cent profit decline. Pre-tax profits plunged to £4.38 million (£7.67 million) in the year to end-September, after exceptional reorganisation costs and a ump in interest payments.

Turnover was marginally ahead from £55.3 million to £55.8 million, while operating profits slipped from £8.15 million to £7.1 million. Earnings per share fell from 30.2p to 19.6p. The shares, which traded at a high of 240p earlier in the year, were unchanged at 45p.

IN SHOPS (Int) Pre-tax: £1.91m (£1.32m) EPS: 3.74p (3.41p) Div: 0.66p (0.6p) LEEDS GROUP (Fin) Pre-tay: £4.01m (£3.4m) EPS: 25.2p (22.6p) Dtv: 6.25p, mkg 9.25p CHILTERN RADIO (Fin) Pre-tax: £1.29m (£0.95m) EPS: 14.3p (11.8p) Div: 4.8p (4.0p) COURTS (FURNISHERS) Pre-tax: 23.65m (23.12m) EPS: 9.41p (7.95p) Div: 1.83p (1.83p) EVANS OF LEEDS (Int) Pre-tax: £3.3m (£3.22m) EPS: 3,35p (3.19p) Div: 1.18p (1.125p)

ATKINS BROS (Int)

Interim results, Turnover 273.5m levels so far in second half in both Britain and oversees. Total revenue climbed to 25.23m

COMPANY BRIEFS

Turnover £10.1m (£8.68m). Write-off £295,000, relating to leisure interests. Board expects another

Chiltern buying Gloucestershire Broadcasting for up to £1.3m, Turnover £4.1m (£3.55m). Caution

year of profits growth.

for an early cut in interest rates to belp alleviate the worst recession in the industry Last year's total dividend was 8.5p. Turnover rose 20% to 233m. Year-end cash balances were £1.3m, with no bank borrowings. in living memory. Sir Clifford Chetwood, president of the Building Employers' Confederation, painted a stark picture of further com-

needed on short-term outlook. (268.9m). Good increase in trading

Last time's profit was £250,000. Turnover feli to £7.77m (£10.1m). Earnings per share 3.63p (4.14p).

(£6.67m). Company reports that its current unnual rent

The depth and pace of the recession which had hit cut in interest rates of at least two points - if possible before construction in 1990 was on a Christmas and certainly be-fore next spring's Budget. scale no one could have predicted. He warned that to

pany bankruptcies, job kosses

Speaking at the confedera-

and a looming training crisis.

tion's annual dinner in London, Sir Clifford said the

cause was "the worst recession

of any I have experienced during a lifetime in the

construction industry."

The Group obtained excellent credit ratings from two major international agencies and we were the first of the through the issue of £100 million index-linked 18 year loan

Since the 30th September, Anglian has joined the FT-SE with the response to our loan stock issue, our high credit 100 Index of leading stocks which reinforces Anglian's position

GROUP RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS

ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1990 (unaudited)

OPERATING PROFIT

Net interest payable

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2. The interim results for the six months ended 30th September 1990 have been prepared on the basis of the historic cost accounting policies set out in the published accounts of Anglian Water Pic for the year ended 31st March 1990. Comparisons with audited results for the year ended 31st March 1990 and the unaudited results for the six months ended 30th September 1989 are distorted by the fact that these results included interest on loans to HM Government that were subsequently written off when the company was privatised and that the company was only operating as a public limited company for part of this period. 3. The tax charge for the six months ended 30th September 1990 is the Advance Corporation Tax payable in

> respect of the interim dividend. 4. Comparative figures for earnings and dividends per ordinary share for the period ended 30th September 1989 have not been presented. The number of shares in issue and the actual profits for that period are not considered to be representative of the Group's position following implementation of the new capital structure post privatisation. Proforma earnings per ordinary share for the year ended 31st March 1990 have been presented. This has been calculated by dividing pro-forms profit on ordinary activities after taxation by the ordinary shares in issue. The pro-forma profit on ordinary activities after taxation has

been calculated by adjusting actual profit before taxation of £86.1m for a £52.9m reduction in interest payable (to reflect the interest saving that would have arisen if the new capital structure had been in place from 1st April schemes and reinforcement of the distribution network, 1989) and for a pro-forma Advance Corporation Tax charge of £15.0m (based upon a notional dividend of £45.1m which the Directors considered they would have recommended if the new capital structure had been in force from

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ACHIEVEMENT I am pleased with Anglian privatised water companies to access the public debt markets Waler's Dioeress in our nist six months of this financial year. We are on course to meet our targets, both financial and in stock in July. terms of service to customers. We are particularly pleased rating and our new status as a FT-SE 100 company, as one of the UK's leading companies. Management and all our employees provide a strong team dedicated to service to our customers, improving the envir- 1. The financial information contained in this interim statement does onment and providing a good return for our shareholders. not constitute statutory accounts within the meaning of Section 240 of In the absence of unforeseen circumstances I am confident the Companies Act 1985. about the outcome for the full year. 99

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Chairman, Bernard Henderson, CBE.

The Directors are pleased to report a Group operating profit for the half year ended 30th September 1990, up by some 20.3% on the half year to September 1989, of £92.3m on turnover of £228.5m. Profit on ordinary activities before taxation was £84.4m.

The Board has declared an interim dividend of 5.8p (net) per ordinary share, which will be paid on 4th March 1991 to shareholders on the register on 28th January 1991.

It should be emphasised that the results for the first half year do not fully reflect costs which will arise in the second half year as a consequence of the gradual build up of capital and revenue programmes and certain seasonal costs (eg. the pumping costs associated with recharging surface water reservoirs in the winter). The profit figure should not therefore be taken as indicative of the full year results.

During the period we have continued the successful start on the implementation of our 10 year, £3.5 billion investment

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programme which will bring about major improvements in both water quality and the water environment.

Anglian Water's investment in additional groundwater together with good management of surface water resources ensured that supplies were maintained with few restrictions despite the exceptionally dry summer However, very substan- 1st April 1989). tial rainfall is still needed this winter to recharge aquifers before we can lift the hosepipe ban in parts of the region.

The hot dry weather increased the threat of a reappear- Huntingdon, Cambs PEIS 6NZ). ance of the blue-green algae experienced last year. We took early action to contain this phenomenon and

treatment at our major reservoirs successfully ensured that occurrences of algae were limited.

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Electricity sell-off could be a record

THE offer of shares in the 12 regional electricity distrib-utors, which closes today, is almost certain to be over-subscribed, with cheques from the public worth more than the value of the shares on offer already received by the banks handling the issue.

By last night, the receiving banks had already processed 1.7 million applications from the public and the issue is now heading for a place in the record books if it outstrips the 4.5 million people who bought shares in British Gas.

The average sum invested is £500. The first instalment on the shares is worth £2.17 billion and, if private investors apply for more than 35 per cent of the issue, clawback provisions increase the public's share at the expense of the institutions, assuming an even spread of interest around the

12 companies.
The deadline for handing in completed application forms is 10am today at one of 21 special receiving centres, three of them in London.

Walker talks

George Walker, the embattled head of the Brent Walker Group, is facing problems in his talks with Standard Chartered, his principal bank, on the issue of his replacement as chairman. Brent's shares fell

9p to 78p. Mr Walker signalled his willingness to stand down, while retaining the chief executive role, this week but he is thought to be insisting on the right of veto over the least of the control of the right of veto over who becomes chairman.

Norcros cut

The Norcros building products group has cut its interim dividend from 5p to 3.5p on pre-tax profits down from £18.3 million to £9.8 million and carnings a share down from 8.3p to 4.4p. Tempss, page 27

Siebe pays more Siebe reports pre-tax profits of months to the end of Sentember (£80.8 million) and earnines a share up from 24.4p to 25.6p. The interim dividend is increased from 5p to 5.5p.

Tempus, page 27 German growth The economy of West Germany grew by 5.5 per cent in the third quarter compared with the same period last year. its strongest quarterly advance

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Ofgas says British Gas must raise competition

INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITISH Gas will have to start releasing supplies to increase competition in the gas market sig-nificantly - otherwise its own future will be called into question.

This warning was given in a speech by James McKinnon, director-general of the office of gas supplies (Ofgas), the gas industry watchdog, in which for the first time he said the market share held by competitors of British Gas uld be 30 per cent in three years. British Gas said it would begin

releasing supplies only when the

circumstances to do so were right.
While Mr McKinnon's attack sets a new target on market share, it was the angry tone of his remarks to a conference in Birmingham that took British Gas officials by surprise, though the company insisted it did not mark any significant deterioration of relations between

itself and Ofgas. Speaking at the national energy management exhibition and conference, Mr McKinnon said that in its report on the gas industry in October 1988, the monopolies and mergers commission had set the

objective of effective competition in the gas industry by 1993.

As a "realistic first step" towards that, the competitive market share should be 30 per cent by October 1993. He said: "Ultimately the market composition should result in British Gas' share being substantially reduced so that technically it would cease to be a monopolist."

To achieve that, there would have to be a gradual build-up of established levels of competitive supplies, to "fully realistic" minimum targets of 400 million therms in 1991, double that the next year and 1.2 billion therms in 1993.

Ofgas says even that would represent only 10 per cent of the new supplies it believes will be coming through by the mid-Ninetics.

But Mr McKinnon said the supplies would have to come from British Gas, because it was the only source of gas available in that time: "I am, therefore, calling on it to take immediate action to release the necessary supplies." British Gas had abundant supplies and only the mix of suppliers, not the overall size, of the market would change in that period.

Progress by British Gas towards the 1993 position outlined by the

MMC had so far been "bleak". The company was holding up progress, and its claimed achievements had a "hollow sound". British Gas had been "in no rush to accept the challenge to develop a fully competitive market by the end of five years." British Gas seemed unable "to come to terms with the fact that its monopoly has come to an end", though after accusations

from some gas customers that the company "abuses its power by introducing arbitrary price in-creases" the end of the monopoly could not come too soon for most. He said: "British Gas also fails to recognise that it would be in its own interests as well as everyone else's if the MMC deadline of 1993 were to be met. The very future of British Gas will be called into question if this target is not achieved." The consequences for the company of its not achieving these competitive targets by this time "could be extremely severe".

British Gas said that by 1993 there would "undoubtedly" be a significant level of competition in the gas contract market, but it was "not appropriate" to talk in terms of engineering market shares. That had to be left to market forces.

GEC expects 6,000 more jobs will go

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

THE General Electric Company expects to shed 6,000 jobs in the second half after a 6,400 cut during the half year to end-September.

Lord Weinstock, managing director, said the job losses were caused both by defence spending reductions and delays, and tightening economic conditions. "No one can look at the world economy today and be optimistic for the immediate future," he said.

The job losses are expected to take effect at GEC operating companies world-wide, by non-replacement and redun-dancy. Lord Weinstock estimated the cost at £14-£15 million for the year in addition to provisions already made. By next March the number of employees is to fall

to 161,000. Profits from the Pleasey and Ferranti businesses acquired GEC failed during the first interest on the cash spent to acquire them. In spite of 14 per cent higher operating profits, a £54 million fall in interest income left GEC's group pre-tax profits 4 per cent lower at £342 million. Sales rose 20 per cent to £4.4 billion. The half-year dividend is held at 2.55p. GEC

shares fell 844p to 17644p. Malcolm Bates, deputy managing director, believed it would be "not too long" before the dilution of earnings resulting from acquisitions was "worked through" by cost-cutting and efficiencies need a big re-equipment over

achieved through mergers with GEC units. Lord Prior, the chairman, is strengthening the GBC board with the appointment of Anthony O'Reilly, the executive president of HJ Heinz, as a

non-executive director. Orders rose by 36 per cent to £10.8 billion, due only partly to acquisitions. "I have no doubt that the policy of gaining access to new markets through partners is absolutely the right thing to have done,"

Joint ventures, including GEC Alsthom, the transport and power engineering com-pany equally owned with Compagnie Générale d'Electricité of France, and GPT, the telecoms partner-ship with Siemens of Germany, accounted for £4.8 billion of the orders.

Spending on research and development increased by a third to £447 million. Lord Weinstock said that was partly half to make up for the loss of a consequence of acquisitions, but R&D spending would climb as the technological sophistication of GEC products incremed.

GEC's cash pile has recovered to £974 million. GEC Alsthom has begun due diligence studies of Fist Ferroviare, maker of the successful Italian tilting train, which it is in talks to buy. The company has annual sales of £125

Fiat Ferroviare is owned by Fiat, the Italian car company. Mr Bates said the Italian railway network was likely to

"under enormous pressure" that would intensify into the

second half next year. Having

halted merger and acquisition

activity, and undertaken what

destocking they could, com-

panies would now cut fixed

investment. He predicted a

"grim" 1991, as carnings con-

tinue to worsen. "The risk has

to be that the liquidity ratio

will move still deeper and rugs

will be pulled by nervous

Ruth Lea, an economist at

Mitsubishi Bank, said the

picture was consistent with

deep recession. "And this is

Glenn Davies, chief econo-

not necessarily the bottom."

mist at Credit Lyonnais, feared the window of opportu-

nity for a base rate cut may

have been missed, given the

Bundesbank's return to vari-

Britain's official gold and

the coming decade, but he added that the tilting train might find a market in Britain. GEC's £1.3 billion of acquisitions and its joint venture programme have brought a timely reduction in its dependence on defence markets which now account for 20-25 per cent of sales.

The Gulf confrontation has lead to new orders, although others have been cancelled or delayed. Despite suggestions that Germany may withdraw from the European fighter aircraft programme, for which GEC will provide the radar, Lord Weinstock said there was no threat to the plane's development programme.
The Royal Air Force would

need the aircraft, he said, and "It seems probable that Italy and Spain will want it too." Electronic systems ac-

counted for almost one-third of operating profits during the first half. The division in-cludes Matra Marconi Espace, a new joint venture, which includes much of GEC's defence electronics business. Power Systems, largely

GEC Alsthorn, the power engineering and railway rolling stock company, made £58 million. Telecommunications, now dominated by the GPT joint venture with Siemens, made £53 million. It has won a contract with British Telecom for its System X exchanges which is potentially worth £1 billion.

Capital spending continues to grow. Net of disposals, this year's total should easily pass last year's £244 million.

'£6bn boost' for water



Steady as she goes: Bernard Henderson at Grafham Water, Cambridgeshire

PROPOSED European Community legislation about dumping sewage at sea may be toned down, saving the water industry an estimated £6 billion the measures would cost over the next decade, according to Bernard Henderson, the chairman of Anglian Water. Anglian has reported pretax-profits ahead from a pro

forma £70.5 million to £84.4

million in the six months to end-September and an interim dividend of 5.8p, 13.5 per cent above the notional figure last

The water industry hopes to hear before Christmas about the delayed draft directive on municipal waste water, said Mr Henderson.

The British government has

already said it will ban the sea dumping of sludge by 1998, but the EC directive goes further, and association fig-ures suggest it could cost £6 billion in all to implement. "It does seem the European Commission may be having second thoughts about its proposals, said Mr Henderson.

Burmah raises bid for Foseco

By MARTIN BARROW

BURMAH Castrol, the lubricants and chemicals group, has increased its bostile cash bid for Foseco from 275p a share to 300p. This final offer values the speciality chemicals concern at £259 million.

The revised offer was rejected by Foseco. Tom Long. chairman, said the new terms fell "woefully short of rec-ognising the underlying value of Foseco's unique worldwide business".

Foseco shares rose from 280p to the offer price before falling back 4p, enabling Burmah Castrol's advisers to buy stock in the market. By the close, they had bought a further 6.1 per cent, taking Burman Castrol's holding to 20.75 per cent. Acceptances for the initial offer covered under I per cent.

The new closing date is December 21, Burmah Castrol has reserved the right to increase the offer if there is a rival bid. Other conditions, including the right to lapse the offer if crude oil exceeds \$50 a barrel, remain unchanged.

Jonathan Fry. managing director of Burmah Castrol, said the higher offer fully valued Foseco. The offer represents a premium of 61,7 per cent over the mid-market price of 185.5p on October 12, the last dealing day before the original offer.

Rejecting the revised terms. the Foseco board said it was considering "a number of proposals to enhance shareholder value which will be announced shortly".

The company issued a profit forecast as part of its defence, indicating that profits before tax will be £40.5 million for 1990, against £46.2 million in 1989. A final dividend of 9.5p was promised, making 14.5p, up 7 per cent. Mr Long said that the com-Tempus, page 27 | pany is to sell two divisions.

Industry squeezed by low liquidity

HIGH interest rates and fall- that the corporate sector is ing carnings have tightened the squeeze on the corporate sector, pushing the liquidity ratio for big manufacturing companies to its lowest since the mid-Seventies.

This deterioration looks set to continue as the recession deepens, and threatens vital investment in industry in the run-up to a single European Third-quarter figures from

the Central Statistical Office showed that current assets as a percentage of current liabilities dropped to 38 per cent for large manufacturing firms from 44 per cent the previous

The liquidity ratio of all large industrial and commercial companies fell to 60 per cent in the third quarter from 66 per cent, as companies ran down total current assets to able rate repurchase for its £31.5 billion from £33.5 bil- latest money market tender. lion, while liabilities grew to seen to signal a trend towards £52.2 billion from £50.5 higher interest rates. billion.

George Hodgson, market currency reserves fell an strategist at Warburg Securi- underlying \$85 million last ties, said the figures confirm month.

Fed relaxes rules on bank reserves

By ANATOLE KALETSKY, ECONOMICS EDITOR

reserve requirements in a move designed to boost the profitability of the fragile American banking system and relieve the squeeze on credit.

The Fed said its action would free \$13.6 billion worth of reserves held by American banks against certain categories of wholesale deposits. The new regulation abol-

ishes the 3 per cent reserves that American banks have to hold against corporate time deposits and net liabilities in the Euromarkets. This will free more funds for lending, enabling the banks to raise profits by carning interest on the extra leading.

Analysts on Wall Street said American banking system about \$1 billion in pre-tax interest costs per year. Keefe Bruyette and Woods, the American broker that special-

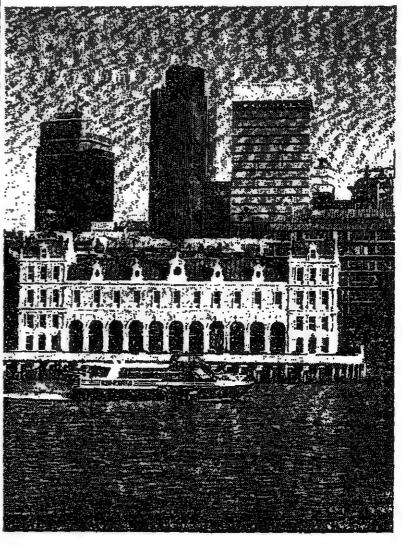
THE US Federal Reserve struggling with huge loan Board has relaxed its bank losses, it could be insufficient to have a material effect on any of the large American banks, several of which are believed to be incapable of survival in their present form.

The most significant aspect of the Fed's decision lay in its broader economic motivation. Yesterday's statemen drew attention to the weakness of the American economy and indicated the centra bank's concern. The Fed said: "Commercia

banks have been tightening their standards creditworthiness and terms and conditions for many types of loans. While much of this tightening has been welcome ... it has in the regulations would save the recent months begun to exert a contractionary influence on the economy. Meanwhile, Michael Bos-

kin, the chief economist at the White House, confirmed the ises in bank stocks, estimated American economy would dethat average bank earnings cline in the current quarter. would rise by about 11/2 per. The news increased speculacent. Although the move tion that American interest would be welcomed by banks rates would be cut again soon.

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Tratalgar shares up as protits million in 1989 to £454 million in 1990. Paying the dividend will require a £25 By MATTHEW BOND million transfer from reserves. In Britain, the company sold 2,500 SHARES in Trafalgar House jumped houses at an average price of £75,000, Eric Parker, Trafalgar's chief exec-14p to 188p, as the engineering to compared with 3,400 last year. In utive, said the shamp in property profits shipping conglomerate reported property had produced a more balanced spread of America, 500 units were sold. Mr Parker provisions in line with expectations and admitted that the American profits from the group's three divisions. maintained its final dividend. housebuilding operation was losing

Mr Parker said the £95 million A £95 million writedown of the provision had three components. The company's residential and commercial value of properties held for sale had been property activities reduced pre-tax profreduced by £31 million, with the damage its in the year to end-September to spread equally between the company's £155.7 million, 42 per cent less than the commercial and residential businesses. £270 million made in 1989. A further £53 million of previously A big increase in the company's tax capitalised interest has been written off. charge to 27 per cent, a direct result of

money. The British operations "were just about profitable". Despite the fall in property sales, Trafalgar still increased group turnover 7 per cent to £3.5 billion. At the year-end, net borrowings were £345 million, giving gearing of about 42 DET CENT The walne

COOKSON, the industrial materials group, is looking increasingly like a company under siege with the share price advancing 4½p to 114½p on whispers of a bid

The departure of Michael Henderson as chairman last month only increased speculaminent. He was said to have resigned after objecting to the planned £160 million sale of the group's stake in Tioxide, the paint pigment business owned jointly with ICL. The rest of the board de-

cided to sell the Tioxide stake to cut Cookson's growing debts. The shareholders' meeting to approve the deal is on Friday. Anyone who wants to make an offer and block the deal will have to move before

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firmer at 405p. The upheavals

in the company have seen the price plunge from a high of 305p to a low of 50p this year, The rest of the equity market spent another lacklustre day with prices drifting mainly because of lack of support. The FT-SE 100 index finished 16.4 down at 2,146.3 in the wake of disappointing performances overnight in Tokyo and New York. The FT index of 30 shares lost 13.7 to 1,681.6 on a turnover of 473 turnover was boosted by a self programme by an agency broker which saw some hefty lines of stock go through the market. Hanson eased 4p to 193p with 17 million shares traded, BP slipped 2½p to 342p on 14 million shares and Shell 6p to

levels will be worrying many hopes for an early cut in DOWNGRADINGS CONTINUE

ible bond issue away at the market closed with losses stretching to £1/4. second attempt this week.

A drop in interim profits Eurotunnel rose 25p to 343p and a maintained dividend left GEC_8½p cheaper at and the warrants 2p to 28p. 176/p. Elsewhere among The market is waiting to see leaders. British Gas fell a how much of the £533 million The market is waiting to see further 51/2p, still worried by rights issue was taken up. The the Office of Fair Trading's latest report indicates that

Further nervous selling sent shares in WPP, Martin Sorrell's troubled advertising agency, below 100p with a fall of 21p to 97p. Sources close to the company blamed selling by the institutions before WPP's financial year-end this mouth. It is expected to see pre-tax profits rise by only £10 million to £85 million. Dealers will also be keeping an anxious eye today on the figures from Saatchi & Saatchi, 1/2p firmer at 37p.

price rise for industrial complete.

Breat Walker, the debtladen leisure group headed by George Walker, remained a volatile market, falling 9p to 78p. The group successfully got its £103 million convert-

attempt to block the recent tunnelling is now 80 per cent Interim figures from An-

glian Water were at the top end of expectations with pretax profits 20 per cent ahead at £84.4 million. Bernard Henderson, the chairman, was con-

US blue chips weak

New York BLUE chips recovered some 460p on 4 million shares, of their opening losses in the Even so, the low turnover late morning but remained weak with investors continning to consolidate the recent gains. The Dow Jones industrial average was 5 points lower at 2,560.59 after falling as much as 13 points, Banks

were strong after the Federal Reserve's move to cut reserve requirements.

• Frankfurt - Prices gave back most of the gains recorded on Monday as a sharp plunge in Tokyo brought a modest election rally to a halt.

which are a constituent of the FT-SE 100 index, eased 2p to

Welsh Water fell 6p to 274p after a placing of 9.5 million shares, about 6 per cent of the company, with various in-stitutions. The shares were placed by Smith New Court, the broker, at about 268p each. The rumoured sellers include Compagnie des Eaux, Baring Brothers and Mercury

The rest of the sector spent a quieter time with prices losing some of the recent heady gains. Northumbrian slipped 4p to 263p, Severn Trent 2p to 230p, Southern 4p to 237p, South West 2p to 256p, Thames 3p to 255p, Wessex 2p to 245p, and Yorkshire 7p

BTR, the industrial conglomerate, fell 12p to 326p in the wake of the resignation of John Cahill from the ma board. Hoare Govett. broker, also added to group's misery by downgr ing its profits forecast again. Hoare has tal another look at Nylex, 1 group's Australian operati It was enduced its estimates the current year and next y by £15 million, to £1.03 billi and £985 million respective

Trafalgar House jump 16p to 190p despite a set full-year figures showing ti effect of the recession in the property and construction: dustries. Pre-tax profi slumped from £270.4 million to £155.7 million with ear ings a share down from 42.8 to 22p. A breakdown in the Stock Exchange compar news service meant that the publication of the figures we delayed, but they were ever tually leaked through other DEWS SERVICES

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Hawthorn passes dividend

By MARTIN BARROW

HAWTHORN Lealie, th USM-quoted industrial hok ing company, is passing the interim dividend after incuring losses of £4.49 millio before tax for the half year t the end of June, compare million for the first six month of 1989. There was a loss of 2.38p

hare, against carnings 0.88p. Last year the compan paid an interim dividend 0.25p a share.

Hawthorn Leslie also a nounced the disposal of Si Fey, a manufacturer of printe cartons for the healthcare an food and beverages sectors, fo million to Eagle Press Hold ings. Hawthorn Leslie ha retained cash of £1.5 million repaying SK Fey's outstanding lease liabilities of £800.00 and keeping the balance.

Remo Dipre, chairman attributed losses to pressur on profit margins in all di visions, compounded by th company's decision to dis connect up to 7,000 subscribers from the group's cellular Leslie has made an exceptional charge of £1.3 million to cover bad debts.

Turnover rose from £63.3 million to £83.1 million but the company incurred an operating loss of £420,000,

	£3.71 million.
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Nikkei drop ends hopes of recovery

Japanese economy and of that. That is putting a colling weak corporate profits next on any recovery in share year, coupled with a wave of prices. At the same time, the unsettling stock market rumours, knocked more than 800 points from Tokyo share mours of various sorts, about prices. The fall destroyed hopes that Tokyo may be bracing itself for a slow

Margin selling by investors, who betted during the summer on the market ending its roller-coaster fall, amplified yesterday's slump, which Itoman have swelled since an pushed the Nikkei index executive at the trading and 863.38 lower to 21,862.61, the first time it has sunk below 22,000 in more than two months. Thin trading added momentum to the decline.

Peter Tasker, an equity strategist at Kleinwort Benson in Tokyo, said: "The outlook for earnings growth is very poor. Company profits are stagnating and may even de- creditor, may be even worse cline next year. Investors have than imagined.

SIGNS of slower growth in the only really just woken up to market is sensitive to bad news. It is awash with rugroups going bankrupt and culties by their clients."

The fortunes of Japan's troubled Itoman group have become a daily barometer of the market's problems for anxious investors. Fears for gling to restructure debt of Y1,300 billion (£5.04 billion). committed spicide at the

weekend. His death started specula tion that Itoman's problems which have already caused top-level resignations at Sumitomo Bank, Itoman's biggest

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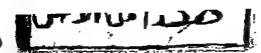
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Dividends Per Share (Pence)	5.5	5.0	UP 10.0%	
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ontroversy is seldom far below the well-heeled surface of Lloyd's, hub of the world insurance market. It is relatively rare, however, for the dogs to start eating each other in public and, when the words "Lloyd's stinks" appear in a letter from a leading member of the fraternity to the head of regulatory services, it is time for the world to sit up and take

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To be fair to James M Sinclair, the managing director of Willis Faber & Dumas (Agencies), who penned the words, he was reflecting the opinions of a group of names he inherited when Willis Faber took over Stewart Wrightson.

Mr Sinclair, the man who has been handed the shovel to clean out one of the Lloyd's stables, added that his names feel that "the way the society is carrying on you cannot have any confidence in Lloyd's - policies, regulatory control or agents".

At the heart of the matter is the repudiation of a reinsurance contract taken out by the syndicate, for which Mr Sinclair now acts. It was underwritten by

Utmost bad taste at Lloyd's of London

a Merrett syndicate, and was repudiated years after it was written. Merrett won the dispute at arbitration because of a legal precedent set several years after the contract was written. The basis for repudiation was one of non-disclosure, even though the reinsurance contract had been audited as sound.

In seeking to repudiate the contract, Merrett can hardly be blamed. It had a chance to get out of some expensive losses, and would have had to answer to its own names had it paid out when it could opt out. Little can now be done for the unfortunate names of syndicate 334, faced with nearly £30 million of losses, other than ask Mary Archer, who chairs the hardship fund, to go easy on them when claiming the

money back. The point of Mr Sinclair's letter, however, is deeper than the specific case of one or two

He is distressed at the failure of

COMMENT

DAVID BREWERTON

Lloyd's contracts "and other distasteful aspects of the communities (sic) tactics in bouncing liability around the market". He says that Lloyd's will have "a very high price to pay for the clottish underwriting policy of a few of our greedy underwriters...and it will all happen in the next 24 months".

The basis of the Lloyd's market, and indeed of any insurance contract the world over, is "utmost good faith" and Lloyd's is quick to point out that in 300 years no client has ever been refused payment of a valid claim. That word valid, however, is unacceptably loaded.

Lloyd's has had more than its share of scandals over the past 15 years and even now innocent

names are fighting to limit losses caused by incompetence or worse. Members' agents, who happily took their commissions for years, are claiming they had no duty of care to names. Lloyd's has similarly argued that they owed no such legal duty. It is impossible to disagree with the conclusions set out in Mr Sinclair's letter, that "names will herd out of the market as confidence plummets".

Trafalgar

ir Nigel Broackes has shown his experience by preparing the stock market well for the heavy write-offs Trafalgar House took on its property book at its

September 30 year-end. His shares, having collapsed from 296p before the interim results in May, recovered 14p to 188p after a strong performance from the construction and engineering business allowed Trafalgar to make £38 million of profits in the second half, even after charging £95 million against residential and commercial property developments.

Some rethinking will also be needed on a share that yields 13 per cent when the final dividend has confidently been maintained, asset value is not far behind the share price, gearing is down and there are no liquidity problems. John Brown and Cementation still have a strong order book. The imponderable for 1990-91, however, is what will happen to the property market. Sir Nigel, who is noted for caution, thinks it can now get no worse, though he is not looking for much early

improvement If there is an upturn before

next September, the residential side will benefit first and Trafalgar would be able to boost its liquidity further. A recovery in the dollar would help too, especially on the leisure side.

The group has fallen so far from favour that Sir Nigel is now free to change strategy and probably needs to. The appointment of foreign affairs expert David Howell is one pointer. This could be the moment to move the international construction and engineering group more strongly on to the Continent and to capitalise on John Brown's established reputation in Eastern Europe.

What were once diversifications now look like the powerhouse for the future with expertise in most of the right technologies, from gas power stations to offshore oil.

There will be plenty of bad news from others to stop City sceptics becoming too optimistic on Trafalgar's dividend for many months ahead. For once, therefore, time is on the side of Sir Nigel's languid style, which disguises the ability to move fast when conditions change.

SIR Robert Haslam, the chair-man of British Coal, will today set forth the challenges ahead for the corporation as it faces its most difficult market conditions since nationalisation of the industry in 1947.

His task is not merely difficult, in certain respects it is impossible. Coal is the main fuel for electricity generation in Britain. The privatisation of power is now irrevocably under way.

Yet electricity has been prepared for privatisation without the emergence of a clear strategy for coal. Many within the coel industry argue that it has been compelled to underwrite the flotation by accepting unprofitable con-tracts. In a free market, they argue, British coal would command a premium price for the security and convenience of

the supplies it offers.

The failure to implement simultaneous structural reform of the coal industry has already caused the energy department and its agents to fall foul of the European competition directorate.

The government wants to privatise British Coal, but is unwilling to do so until the electorate has approved a manifesto promise. But many of the issues simply cannot be shelved until the next election is out of the way.

John Wakeham, the energy secretary, is already faced with an unusual opportunity to set next half decade. None of the six executive directors has a contract that runs beyond March next year. Sir Robert's appointment expires on December 31. Announcement of a successor is overdue. In order to persuade them, or their successors, to accept new appointments. Mr Wakeham is likely to have to spell out the

corporation's future. During his spell as energy secretary, Nigel Lawson detailed the past failure of efforts to predict, and plan for, energy demand. In consequence, he said, market forces should prevail. That is a view held by Mr Wakeham, who this week endorsed moves towards a pan-European energy market. In the Seventies era of high

oil prices, Britain's depen-

Kindling a strategy for coal in the **Nineties**



Sir Robert Haslam: final challenge before retiring

dence on coal was a blessing. Since then, real energy prices have fallen. The relatively minor impact of the Gulf events on energy markets is proof that more diversity of supplies has largely overcome the scarcity threat.

British Coal has contracted number of collieries is down

million. Productivity per man/shift has risen from 12.02 tonnes to 20.52 tonnes. British Coal has been com-

pelled to undertake a threeyear contract to supply the electricity generators at £42 per toane. Last year it sold them 82.2 million tonnes. sharply since the collapse of This year and next, they will the miners' strike in 1985. The take 70 million tonnes and in the 12 months to March 1993. from 169 to 69. The workforce when the contract expires, has fallen from 171,000 to they will buy 65 million 65,400. Output, including tonnes from British Coal. It is opencast and independent a fast-reducing market. In mines, has dropped from response to the European 118.4 million tonnes to 108.9 Commission's large combus-

tion plant directive, the government has given undertakings to cut emissions of sulphur dioxide from British power stations by 20 per cent by 1993, 40 per cent by 1998

and 60 per cent by 2003. The generators have responded with a limited programme for fine-gas desul-phurisation. Their main strategy is gradually to cut coalburning, replace as much high-sulphur British coal as possible with imports, and meet rises in power demand with more efficient gas-fired plants. Health authorities and other large coal users affected by the directive are also making plans for gas-firing. In the coal industry there

are forecasts of a cut in deepmined coal production over the next three years from 75.6 million tonnes to 57 million tonnes. That implies the loss of 17 pits and 15,000 jobs.

Not all British coal is uncompetitive. Despite the problems of depth and fragmented seams, five British Coal pits produce below the international market price of £30 a tonne. Opencast mines are constrained only by environmental concerns. Imported coal would be costly to transport to many inland power stations, largely served by nearby mines. Twelve-year rolling contracts with individnal pits, on the American model, could be justified at prices well above the quayside

There could be a risk that independent generating com-panies, entering the power market in three years or less with eas-fired plant, will complain to the European Commission that coal-burners are being feather-bedded with vernment-subsidised coal.

The Commission is already ressing for Britain's small but vociferous, independent mine operators to be allowed expansion opportunities and equal access to the power generation market. Like it or not, the privatisation of the coal industry has begun. Finding an appropriate route for British Coal is an imperative, not an option.

> ROSS TIEMAN Industrial Correspondent

Jury still out on Siebe acquisition

TEMPUS

ANALYSTS remain bitterly divided over whether Siebe's \$656 million acquisition of Foxboro will make or break the company.

Some consider Siebe a highly geared play with too much exposure to the North American economy, which accounts for 44 per cent of sales. Others believe Siebe found a bargain in Foxboro and that its shares, which have underperformed the market by more than 40 per cent since June, are undervalued.

It is difficult to see much opside in any engineering company these days, let alone one so dependent on American customers to finance the integration of a business that clearly lost its way some years

Foxboro came in too late to affect Siebe's interim figures. Taxable profits were up to £85.3 million (£80.8 million) and earnings were up to 25.6p a share (24.4p). The interim dividend is increased from 5p share to 5.5p. Group borrowings stand at

£689 million, which equates to gearing of 103 per cent, according to the company's calculations. But the figures have benefited from the revaluation of Foxboro's assets, which were on the American company's books at \$182 million pre-acquisition and have been written up \$445 ther improvement as circummillion by Siebe, with intan- stances allow.

gible assets accounting for \$383 million. Borrowings will have a negative impact during the second half and a decline in fullyear profits from £181.3

million to about £160 million would be no surprise, putting the shares, up 7p to 305p, on a prospective multiple of six. For the time being, the odds appear stacked against Siebe.

Anglian Water ANGLIAN Water deserves its

place at the top end of the water company share price table. Its management is regarded by the City as one of the best in the business, a £100 million foray into the sterling bond market looks well timed and could eventually be followed by a similar move in America when needed, and the company is avoiding unwise diversification.

But its best decision may turn out to be staying well out of the "dividend war" that has broken out with the latest round of water company trading statements. The first shot was fired by Thames, with a 19 per cent increase. Anglian has restricted itself to a 13.5 per cent rise on the notional figure, leaving room for fur-

Turnover was up by 14.5 per cent, against a rise in charges of 13.2 per cent. Operating profit to end-September rose by 20 per cent to £92.3 million, while lower than expected interest charges meant a similar increase to £84.4 million compared with the pro forma figure at the pre-

Anglian's K factor, by which it can increase charges, is in the middle of the range for the ten companies and it is well advanced with its £3.5 billion, ten-year capital spending programme

It should have no trouble reaching brokers' forecasts of £146 million pre-tax this year, while a continuation of current dividend policy leaves the shares yielding a prospective 6.8 per cent, just short of 0.6 of a percentage point below the package. A long-term hold, but no need to chase ahead of the electricity float,

Norcros

TO WILLIAMS Holdings, in March 1987, Norcros was worth 440p a share. To the stock market yesterday end-March 1990. Come the Norcros was worth just 118p. joyous day of substantial base

the market was unmoved by a should be among the main near halving of half-year pre- beneficiaries.

a cut in the interim dividend from Sp to 3.5p.

The dividend cut brings the yield down to 9 per cent, based on brokers' forecasts of a total payout of 8p for this year. The cut also conserves precious cashflow, important when interest charges are up from £570,000 to £4 million.

Gearing will stick around 70 per cent for some time, as it would be unwise to expect disposals from the £68 million commercial property portfolio for something like two years. Efforts are being made to switch short-term borrowings into longer-term finance to

The property misadventure is all the worse because the main building products divisions are coming through the recession not too badly thanks to improved efficiencies from new equipment, site mergers and 2,500 job cuts in the past two years.

The stock market is cautious, at best, on the shortterm prospects at Norcros, with brokers looking for no more than £23 million to £25 million this year against £67 million two years ago and £37.3 million in the year to It is a telling comment that rate cuts, Norcros shares

Executive directors' pay rises 10.5% SALARIES of company exec- executives, showed the av- other recent surveys. The IOD cent, with an average growth

utive directors rose 10.5 per erage director in Britain is says its figures are more up to in service sector pay of 10 per cent in the year to September, just 0.4 per cent below inflation (Ross Tieman writes).

However, the harsher economic climate is reflected in the pay packets of many senior executives, according to this year's Directors' Re-

paid £40,000 a year. Nonexecutive directors topped the pay rise league, with increases averaging 13.3 per cent. Those of managing directors av-

eraged 12.5 per cent. The results of the study, carried out by the institute of Directors and Reward Re-The survey, covering 11,641 gional Surveys, show much directors and 83,884 senior more modest increases than

Directors questioned forecast pay rises of 9.5 per cent for 1991, but the study believes mounting pressures for restraint may lead to more modest rises. Employment department

figures for the year ending September show that national pay rises averaged 10.25 per ary was £122,250.

Among directors, the bottom 10 per cent of executive ing £22,000, while those of the top 10 per cent averaged £74,000. Among companies with annual sales of more than £500 million, the highest sal-

THE TIMES



The weight off Davies's mind

STEVE Davies, a former Pinchin Denny partner, has resigned from County Nat-West, where he had been in charge of customer liquidity, and is to leave the City after 27 years. Davies, aged 43, a popular and cuddly figure, has vowed to take at least six months off before deciding what to do next "After 27 years, I just wanted to spend some time away from the business," he tells me from his home at Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire. "I've probably been thinking about it for the past three or four years. The City has changed a lot during that time. Getting up at 5 am and not getting home until 9 pm probably had something to do with it. And I want to shed some of the 17 stones I now weigh. I've put on three stone this year." Davies admits, however, that he will probably end up returning to the Square Mile. "It's in my blood and it's still an exciting industry, but I'm going to keep away for a minimum of six months." When Pinchin became part of Morgan Grenfell, Davies ran the firm's market-making operation, leaving to be reunited with another ex-Pinchin colleague, Colin Mills, at County when Morgan Grenfell withdrew from market-making. Doug Baker will share Davies's former responsibilities.

Electric out of PR

in 1980, he soon made his name as an adviser on takeover bids, working on Eagle Star's defence during the bid by BAT Industries. "I have always acted for BTR, including the bids for Thomas Tilling and Dunlop," says Fingleton, aged 42, who began his City career with Simon and Coates in 1967. "The big takeover bids create tremendous excitement. But Shandwick has grown so much and some of the fun has gone out of it now." Fingleton helped set up an institutional sales desk for William Morris, the broker, before turning to

Credit losses

THE long-suffering derivatives department at CSFB, the securities trading division of Credit Suisse, has suffered another blow. Andrew Tarling, head of convertibles trading, and his number two, Keith Temperton, were dismissed by the firm last week for unknown reasons. The pair, who ran the derivatives trading desk, were told to pack their bags on Thursday evening and have not been heard

financial PR. Having recov-

ered from a heart attack this

year, he plans to spend a month in Australia watching

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their dismissal and says they I years. After joining the firm have been replaced from within. Tarling, former head of convertible trading at Kleinwort Benson, was recruited to CSFB by Trevor Robinson, former head of derivatives, and now director of derivatives at Fidelity. The convertibles division is likely be run by Hamish Bullough, former head of convertible sales at County Not so festive fate

> CONTRARY to more exaggerated reports, the number of ob losses at Hoare Govett between now and Christma both from natural wastage and redundancies, is likely to be about 12. Since some of the departees have not yet been informed of their fate, the company is anxious not to discuss the issue, said to be part of a review of its business and the quality of service it offers. Sources tell me jobs will be lost in sales and

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consultant, has left Shandwick CSFB chairman, refused to rapid rise from rootic sales. Communications after nearly comment on the reasons for man to company owner. He recalls how after a week as a trainee at Quality Park Envelope Co, he asked an elder salesmen how best to advance his career. The man drove him to the plant of a competitor, and told him to follow the rival's delivery trucks and note their destinations. Five years later, he walked out with 300 of Quality Envelope's best accounts, and set up his own company. Harvey has not forgotten his early lessons. Salesmen who leave his service are bound not to lift accounts for at least a year, leaving enough time, he says, to fight them off.

Nutty Christmas

JAPANESE executives at the Nissan factory in Type and Wear, anxious to experience a traditional British Christmas, are not sure what to make of an offer in nearby Yorkshire. The Swallow Chase hotel at York is offering a green Christmas. For £330, guests can sleep for five nights in unheated rooms to conserve cat vegetarian dinners, and be treated to a green-clad Santa and plastic Christmas tree. The deal has aroused the suspiciou of Friends of the Earth, which is preparing a list of contenders for the "Green con of the year award". Attempts by hotel staff to ban Brazil nuts, in support of the rainforests, are of little use. "They only grow wild so there

Auditing reforms give say to outsiders

BUSINESSMEN from outside the accountancy profession will for the first time have direct influence over auditing standards and guidelines as a result of reforms agreed by the accountancy institutes

The Auditing Practices Committee, hitherto responsible to the six member Consultative Committee of Accountancy Bodies, is to be converted into a largely independent Auditing Practices

The new board will include representatives from business and other interested groups such as financial institutions. instead of requiring approval from each of the six accountancy bodies, the board will be able to issue auditing standards and guidelines "after full consultations". The APB will also have much greater resources, provided by all the CCAB members.

Mike Lickiss, president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and chairman of the CCAB, said: "These reforms and extra resources will make the APB more authorirative, more accountable and faster on its feet than the APC has been able to be over the past few years." He added that the growing interest in auditing outside the profession had made the time right for radical changes.

The reforms reflect pressure from government for auditors to tighten up standards and take more responsibility. Members should be selected is no threat," says FoE's for the new board in time for it

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	206.3	285.4
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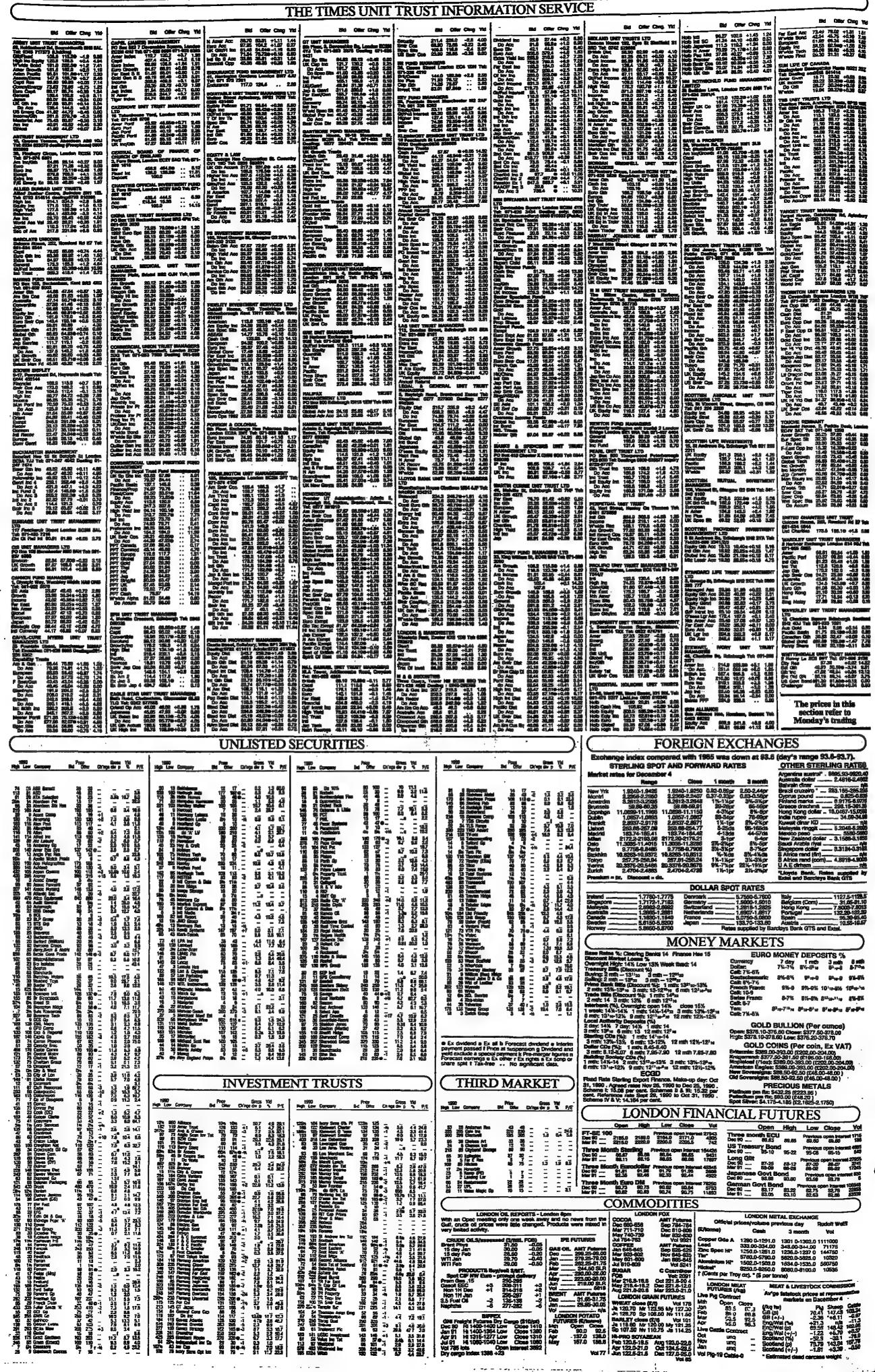
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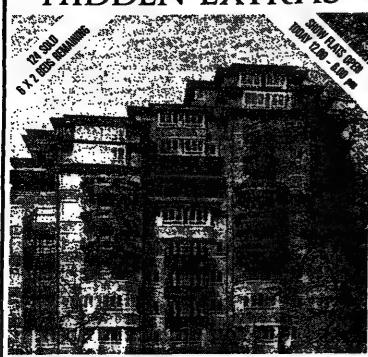
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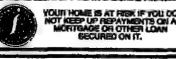
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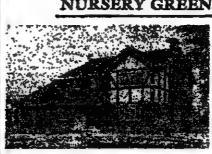
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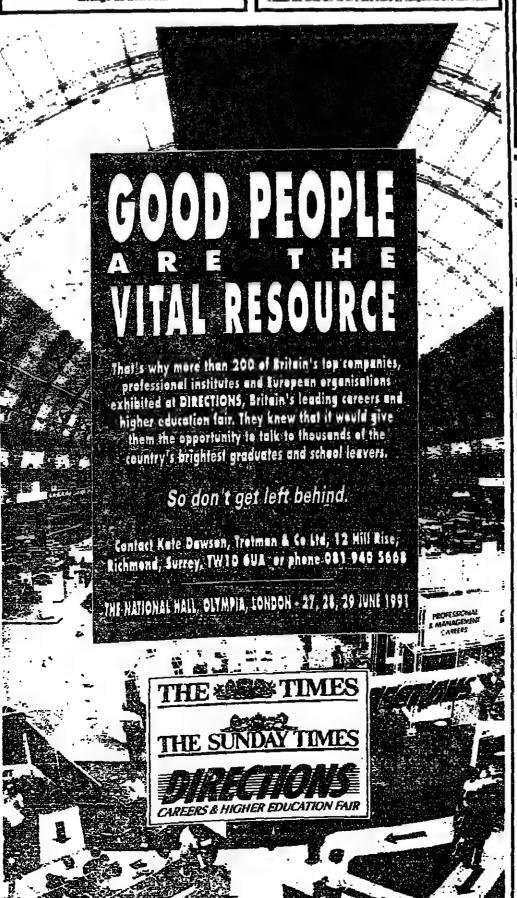
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Regional regeneration

cial property mar-ket in London suffers from the effects of the economic recession, there are more optimistic noises from Manchester and Bristol There is also a warning. The market may be flat at the moment, but a lack of action or commitment now could lead to future shortages

This is the message from the Bristol-based property consultant J.P. Sturge, which pre-dicts in its annual review, Property 1991, that the marke in the south and west could see shortages of some types of property in 1992, unless deveiopers are able to return to the

David Marsh, the senior partner, points out that despite today's lack of investment in new development there is still demand from potential occupiers, leading to reduced stock and shortag particularly in the city centre offices and industrial market.

This is the case in Bristol, where the general economic outlook led many organisations to delay proposed moves to the city, despite almost record numbers of enquiries to the company's local office. If the usual takeup of around 600,000 sq ft a of self-contained buildings.

"Developers must plan now to meet the demands of two years' time," Mr Marsh says.
"Although funding is difficult

Thile the commer- Despite a property slump in the

> southeast, there is life in the regions

and a threat of a future shortage of

new construction. Christopher

Warman reports

at present, 1991 will be the time to pick up bargains, with land values lower and refurbishment opportunities at bargain-basement levels." He believes the shortages

will start to be recognised towards the middle of next year, and that economic and political factors, including the timing of the next general election, will influence the speed and scale of the return of confidence in the market. In Greater Manchester, re-

search conducted by Chesterton, the international property sultant, predicts a substanyear were restored during tial increase in office space, 1991, there could be a shortage with about three million sq ft with about three million sq ft under construction, but says this is equivalent to only two years' supply at the letting rate of the past 12 months. In the city centre, 760,000



sq ft of offices are under construction, but in the traditional core only 25,000 sq ft will become available next year, leaving a continuing demand for high specification offices with large floors.

Chesterton's Manchester Business Space Review 1990-91 reports that office demand has remained buoyant and lettings in the past year have exceeded 500,000 aq ft. The non-banking financial and insurance sectors dominated this market, accounting for 30.5 per cent and 24.1 per cent of take-up respectively.
Office availability has risen

slightly from 5 per cent a year ago to 6.3 per cent, but only 156,000 sq ft of the total 884,000 sq ft is in the most Britannic Assurance's new

20,000 sq ft office dev-elopment in Fountain Street, which was topped out last month, is the only building at present under construction in Manchester's prime financial centre. The building, replacing a property built in 1939 by the company, has attracted considerable interest because of the shortage of new accom-modation in this area. The agent, Lambert Smith Hampton, is seeking a rent of about £20 per sq ft.

Chesterion says rental grow th for prime offices in the city centre is likely to be boosted in 1991 by a continuation of the ing activity witnessed in the past two years. Rents have risen to £15.50 per sq ft, but pre-lets on buildings under construction have achieved £18.50 and, Chesterton predicts, will seach £20 by the end

of this year.

Mike Denham, the partner in charge of Chesterton's Manchester office, says the report confirms the continued lack of supply of high-quality offices in the heart of the city and the market's inability to satisfy demand.

He says: "The high level of take-up for new schemes in the core area will force unsatisfied demand towards Sulford Quays, now perceived by many as a viable alternative to the city-centre fringe lo-

What the report also shows

is that even in difficult times there is still development potential, for not all property markets are oversupplied.

M4 near London's Heathrow airport, has been completed on target despite a delayed start. Zakhem Construction (UK), the builder, began work in July last year after a three-week legal hold-up, and handed over the £25 million, 220-room building to the Copthorne Hotels company, a subsidiary of

Aer Lingus, last Thursday. The hotel was opened on Saturday ahead of schedule and ready for the Christmas trade. Dino Nicola, the Zakhem managing director, says: "The achievement was particularly good because of all the disciplines involved. The installing of furniture, electricals, kitchen equipment and other items all had to be co-ordinated."

Exposed — the registry secrets

of secrecy, the Land Registry has opened its doors this week to permit members of the public to make general owner-ship enquiries. To coincide with the change, Property Intelligence and ICC Legal Services have announced the launch of a joint venture search service providing ownership and planning information on any site or property in England and

The new service will allow the 300 organisations

subscribing to Property Intelligence's Focus databases to request Land Registry searches through their own Focus link, bypassing the need for correspondence with, or a personal visit to, the relevant district land registry or local authority

Daniel Wilson, of Property Intelligence, says that this can save an enormous amount of time. The relevant records for Hounslow borough, for example, are held in Swansea, and those for Greenwich are at

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Tech city for new Germany

A British-led consortium has won approval for plans for a central European a central curiopean technology city on a 3,000-acte site near Magdeburg, Germany, in the Berlin-Hanover corridor. The project aims to attract new technology industries and rechnology moustries and multinationals. The consortium was formed by Christopher Turner, the chief executive of Britain's Technology Consulting International, and is supported by the Irish teleporamunications. telecommunications, aviational electricity industries.

M Knowle Hill Park is a 50-acre estate overlooking the acre estate overtooking the green belt at Cobhem, Surrey, where Octagon Developments is constructing a new corporate headquarters. The grounds have a pitch-and-putt golf course, and water gardens and lakes. The offices are designed in two separate oguares and will provide 41,000 sq ft of space and a helicopter pad for flying visit Debenham Tewson & Chinnocks and Fuller Peise the joint agents, are seeking more than £18 million or an annual rental of £1.3 million.

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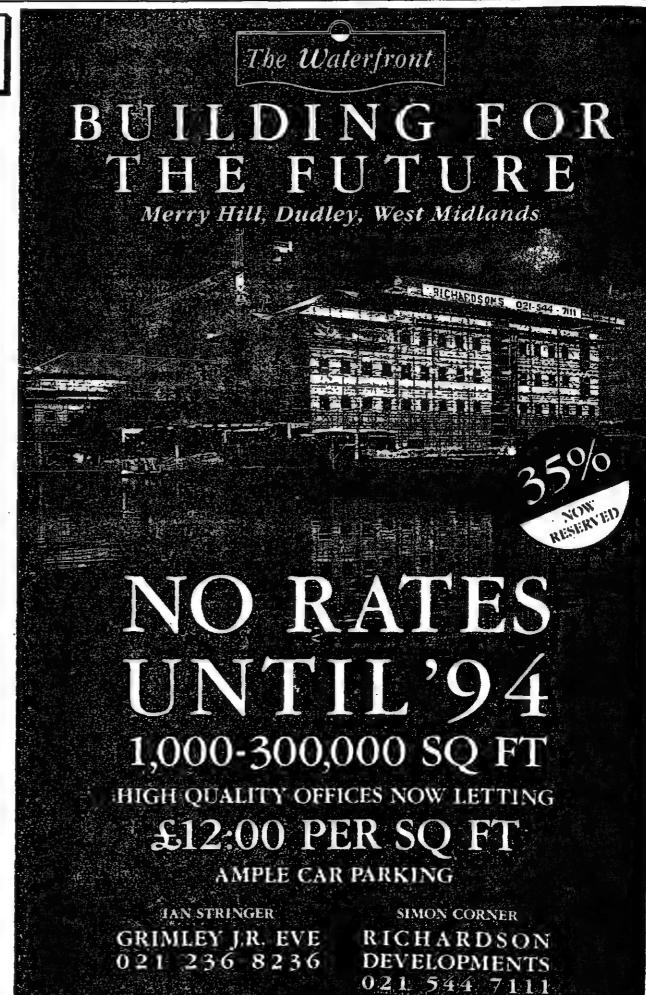
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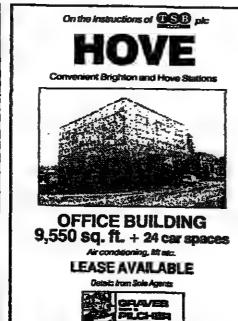
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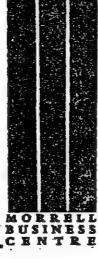


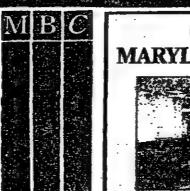
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Wrapped up for winter

The campaign to promote energy efficiency in the home, an aspiration for homeowners who want to cut costs and for a government that wants to reduce energy consumption, has received a boost with the announcement that Milton Keynes Development Corporation is to adopt the new national home energy rating in housing schemes.

For years, the corporation has been in the forefront of energysaving schemes and has used its own rating system to indicate the measure of energy efficiency, and last year, with other sponsors, commissioned the National Energy Foundation to develop the system into a single standard that could be used nationally.

Since 1988 all new schemes in the city, consisting of about 5,000 homes, have had to comply with Standards considerably better than those laid down by government building regulations.

The national rating, launched in June, has a scale running from 0 to 10. New houses built to government regulations would rate 6 on the scale, compared with the 7.5 minimum for all new houses in Milton Keynes and 8.5 for special schemes such as houses built in the Milion Keynes energy park,

known as Energy World.
When the national rating scheme was launched Mary Archer, the foundation chairman. said that in the UK about 16 million homes would have a rating below 4, with more than three million homes below 2, and hardly any properties scoring the maximum of 10.

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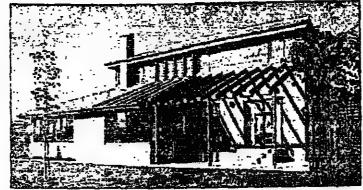
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Christopher Warman, Property

Correspondent, outlines new standards



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highlighted by an international exhibition of 50 houses in 1986.

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Multon Keynes has been the test

the UK by one point on the rating scale, we would save £1.8 billion a year and reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 4 per cent a year, a real contribution to fighting the greenhouse effect and producing significant financial savings for householders," she says.

The need for energy conserva-tion was emphasised recently by Chris Patten, then environment secretary, who said that the government was setting an example by deciding to cut its energy bill by 15 per cent. The government will also be promoting combined heat and power schemes, monitoring energy efficiency standards, encouraging energy labelling of houses and of household appliances, and promoting the use of

energy-efficient lighting. Energy use in buildings is

have vast solar panels, though that helps. Most looked "ordinary", and were made energy-efficient by simple means that added little to the building costs.

The Milton Keynes experience shows that fuel bills can be cut by about a third.

Insulation, double glazing and orientation all play an important part in cutting consumption, and are incorporated in the Wimpey Homes house at Energy World. The four-bedroom house with double garage adapted from one of the company's popular designs looks traditional, and has a timber frame, designed to balance the extra initial capital cost with its cost in use.

Lifestyle 2000, built by Dow Construction Products, uses solar glass for the double glazing and a solar wall in the conservatory as an additional source of warm air. Other features, such as low-energy light fittings, help to reduce the annual fuel bill by up to 60 per

cent, the company says. Timber-framed houses at-tracted some bad publicity in the Eighties, but, properly built, they are ideal for energy efficiency. The Timber and Brick Information Council says that their superior insulation can save up to 25 per cent on energy costs. A Mori poll carried out for the

Brick Council this year disclosed that 58 per cent of people likely to buy a property had energy efficiency as a high priority. The day of the house rated 10 on the national scale may be far off, but if the government presses on with the campaign, energy-efficient homes will become the norm rather than the rarity.



Kelston Knoil is a small country estate with a twobedroom lodge, a coach house that has a gardener's flat, views down the Avon Valley and a 14-acre setting. The estate is only three miles from Bath and eight miles from Bristol, providing a country seat close to town. The Grade II listed house was built in 1835 for H.O. Wills of the tobacco family, and has eight bedrooms, a panelled

drawing room, a dining room, a ballroom, a sitting room and a conservatory. The reconstructed Georgian interior retains period features such as Adam fireplaces and mahogany doors. The grounds contain two walled gardens and nine acres of grazing land. Cluttons, the agent at Bath, is asking about £750,000 for the property, which has been in the same ownership for 40 years.

Park Cottage at Salehurst near Robertsbindge, Sussex, the home of Malcolm Muggendge, the broadcaster and writer, who died recently, and his wife, Kitty, is for sale. The house was out on the market in October at £265,000 and is now for sale at about £245,000 through GA Town and Country at Tunbridge Wells. The secluded 17thcentury cottage, with three bedrooms and two reception rooms, and a separate se'icontained annexe, overlocks farmland towards Salehurst church. Within the grounds of 1.5 acres there are orchards and a small building previously used as a chapel by the family. The annexe, built about 20 years

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Today if you join a conversation late you could be forgiven for thinking he refers to Ivander Holyfield, the undisputed heavyweight champion, or George Foreman, or

Even though after his defeat by Douglas in Tokyo last February, Tyson started on the "road back" with the one-round knockout of Henry Tillman, the "poor black kid from the ghetto heading in the right direction" appears to have lost his way again. Down to his last \$15 million, Tyson neither knows where his fortune of \$100 million has gone nor where he is going.

With Foreman, aged 43, eating into Tyson's media time by publicising his bout against Holyfield - "the greatest event of all time", "the Real Deal against the Big Meal", or the "big bump put m by Donald Trump" — Tyson has been left out in the

While Foreman has been packing them in at press conferences playing the fat man to the tune of "happy days are here again". Tyson has been struggling for atten-tion. He is hoping that a speciacular showing against Alex Stewart, a Londoner now boxing out of New York, here

NETBALL

Girls too

physical

for comfort

By Louise Taylor

PLAYED strictly by the rules,

But those regulations were

flouted at Wanstead last Sat-

urday when players from Essex Metropolitan and Birmingham

became overly physical during a PES English Counties League

Cheryl Donson and Evelyn Haywood, the two umpires, had

to ask Colene Thomson, the

Collins, her Essex counterpart,

to calm their players down at the

With the game so close that it finished 48-45 in Birmingham's

favour, such tension was not

entirely surprising. As Thomson

Essex Met are always hard. This

one was particularly physical but I do not think the crowd

helped. They were naturally

Joan Bryan, the England goal-shooter, proved influential in Birmingham's success, while

Fiona Murtagh impressed on

her first match back for Essex

Met. following a year-long sabbatical in Australia and New

Zealand, where her netball bene-

Still unbeaten. Surrey contin-

ued in a winning vein, beating

Kent 56-41, to remain on top of the table. Middlesca, who tri-

umphed 48-24 over newly-pro-moted South Yorkshire, are

The final trials for the England squads at under-21 and under-18 level were at Crystal

Palace last weekend. The prin

cipal surprise was the omission

of Lisa Topliss, the Derbyshire

goal-shooter who was recently

included on the under-21 tour of

Barbados. By retaining her place, Joanne Hall, of Greater

Manchester, giust have relieved

featured her in a book on how to

ENGLAND UNDER-21 SQUAD: J Has (Greater Manchester); D Savoury (Bedfordshre), A Wood (Nothingham-shre), L Sheridan (Sectordshre), S Brown (Bectordshre), A Wooda (Suffok), S Angliloy (Devon), N Gabriel (Beds), N Androws (Surrey), J Zinzan (Middleses), E Milkean (Scuth Durham and Cleveland), S Chain (Dort-ett).

S Ulean (Dorset). ENGLAND: UNDER-16 SCUAD: J Leo East Essex), C Maskell (Essex Metropol-lan), L Brockway (Essex Met), S Green

very biased and noisy."

fited with local clubs.

captain, and Sue

IT WAS just 11 months ago on Saturday will change all that the pronoun "he" in that. To really cash in Tyson boxing referred only to one is even talking of a return with man - Mike Tyson. "He'll James "Buster" Douglas, knock him out in one round", known in these parts as the

> Tyson can blame Don King, his promoter and adviser, for his relegation to third-string heavyweight. The boxer's profile appears to have become subordinate to King's, as the promoter, finding himself outside the heavyweight championship scene for the first time since Muhammad Ali met Leon Spinks in 1978, has sought to promote himself back into the most lucrative sports business.

King's publicity material lists 14 firsts, from the first "billion dollar viewer fight spectacular, Rumble in the Jungle'," in 1974 to the 26th million-dollar heavyweight series to find the undisputed champion in 1986. Millions, millions, millions;

14 times millions. Little won-

der then that King does not seem to have recovered from the shock of losing grip of the heavyweight championship after Douglas knocked out Tyson in Tokyo last February. King might have won back control if Douglas had beaten Holyfield in October, for King had a contract to promote Douglas's contest. Douglas's dismal performance left King relying on the World Boxing Council (WBC) forcing Holyfield to defend against Tyson or striping the cham-pion of the WBC part of the

undisputed title. Even though

members of the WBC, like the British Boxing Board of Control, have told the world body not to force the issue, King hopes that the WBC will prevail and that Holylield will lose his title. Tyson and Razor Ruddock could then meet for the vacant WBC position.

Holyfield's promoter, Dan Duva, has said his man would defend against Tyson in June even though he does not have to until October. But King is refusing to wait for the multi-million dollar pay-off. He does not mind if Tyson fights for only a fraction of the money for a fraction of the title. Whether Tyson wins or loses. King will be back in the big time again, for he has Ruddock under contract. The WBC still has integrity, King said last week. "If it doesn't capitulate like the other organisations did, Tyson will fight Ruddock for the

Holyfield's backers, fearing the loss of the "undisputed champion" label, have launched a legal offensive. They have obtained from the New Jersey Superior Court an order blocking the WBC's move to strip Holyfield.

Duva will seek a permanent injunction against the WBC tomorrow week. Should the WBC persist in its demands, the issue will go to court where it's stand will come under heavy scrutiny. Whatever such a court case does to the reputation of the WBC and King, it will do Tyson no good influentiai at all.

BASKETBALL

New challenge for struggling Clark

By NICHOLAS HARLING

FOR Martin Clark, who faces Germany at Aston Villa tonight in England's final fixture of the senti-final round of the European championship, things can only get better.

He has never known a week like it. For so reliable a player, capable of averaging 22 points for both club and country, the

The 6ft 5in Kingston forward followed his eight points against Spain in Murcia last Wednesday with a meagre six against Yugo-slavia at the Albert Hall on Saturday. The improvement on Sunday, when Clark contributed ten points to Kingston's NatWest Trophy triumph against Manchester, was only marginal. More often his shots have failed completely to find the target: if not, they have bounced agonisingly off the rim.

"I've not known anything like this in my recent memory." he said. "It's definitely been a struggle. I'm used to putting the hall in the backet but it just "I've not known anything like ball in the basket but it just hasn't been happening. I suppose it's just a case of practice, of concentrating on shooting."

that we can win this game."
Clark said, "Last year we blew it."

Clark, aged 29, rejected the excuses that have been put forward in his favour, such as the lighting used in unfamiliar arenas, his work as a financial consultant, or plain exhaustion.

"It's nothing like that," he said.

"It's definitely something I'm doing wrong. Maybe it's something technical. Maybe it's mental. I think it's just a case of continuing to take shots and bening that the start consultant hoping that the next one will go Whatever the cas challenge. Putting the balls in the basket used to be relatively

easy for me. Clark has been his usual decisive self in other areas. "I think I've done a decent job in defence and with rebounds," he said. "If I concentrate on those aspects, the other thing should eventually take care of itself." England hope so. They need Clark at his best in his nineteenth international if they are

"The feeling in the camp is

YACHTING

Way heads contenders for yachtsman of year

top hopes for an Olympic medal champion, at the 1992 Olympic Games in John Ch Barcelona, heads a strong list of contenders for this year's yachtsman of the year award.

Way has dominated the Olympic windsurfing circuit this year, and won the world championship in Brazil. She won a £5.000 Times/Minet Supreme award this year before being named the helmswoman of the year in the annual Silk Cut nautical awards last month. Two other nominations shortlisted vesterday for the Brent Sutton is manager (East Essea), C Monkell (Essex Metropol-tan), L Brockway (Essex Metropol-tan), L Brockway (Essex Metropol-(Dertryshire), C Sayer (Berkshire), T Thompson (Voncestershire), C Ordined (Greater Manchester), G Humanond (south Yorkshire), S Rismon (Lancashire), G Rismond (south Bucklinghamshire), S Page (Mid Hempshire).

SNOOKER

PENNY Way, one of Britain's world Class Two powerboat

 John Chittenden, the skipper of Creighton's Naturally, the British entry in last winter's Whitbread round the world race, has been awarded the top seamanship award by the Royal Ocean Racing Club for the rescue of two crew who were swept overboard in appalling conditions during the Southern Ocean stage from Uruguay to

Walker-sponsored yachisman of The Coventry schoolteacher, the year award are lan Sue Sutton, has been appointed Southworth, the winner of three manager of the England Undernational championships this 18 women's hockey squad. Her year, and Neil Holmes, the coach will be Val Lee,

That's the ball game: Taylor's second-quarter touchdown seals it for the 49ers

Hype punctured by reality

By ROBERT KIRLEY

same in the league this year. The 49ers yielded three points on

two goalline stands, allowed New York to convert only four of 14 third downs, pressured the

leading attack in the conference

THE San Francisco 49ets v New THE San Francisco 49ers v New York Giants game on Monday throbbed with the hype of a National Football League championship game. It also trudged along with the tedium, on a low-scoring scale. More than a thousand reporters were on hand to cover "Super Bowl XXIV's", which San Francisco won 7-3 at home in a contest ners would go on to win the National Football Conference title and then handily whip the American Football Conference representatives in the Super Bowl next month. So this was really the big one. Montana usually produces the big plays, but his colleagues won 7-3 at home in a contest on defence led the way on Monday in the lowest-scoring

that turned out to be deader than King Tut's family tree. The game was a punt-fest, 16 in all, and the clubs managed a paltry total of 26 first downs. The methodical Phil Simms, of New York, and Mr Super Bowl Francisco, completed barely four of every ten passes.

Each club entered the game with a league-leading record of ten wins and one defeat. Never mind that each team had anticlimactically tasted defeat only last week; media representatives stirred up excitement in frontpage headlines that read

"WAR" and "Moment of goal attempt. The 49ers gained truth". Theoretically, the win- only 88 yards on the ground but did manage to burn up the last four minutes.

Montana found the range when he had to, leading a splendid two-minute drive to provide the winning margin by of 29 for 152 yards and was not sacked, hit Roger Craig with a 31-yard pass. Two plays later he pinpointed a 23-yard touchdown pass to John Taylor, who outclassed Mark Collins.

New York had taken a 3-0 New York to convert only four of 14 third downs, pressured the Giants into passing hurriedly, and forced three fumbles.

Simms completed just 14 of Trancisco defenders with five 32 passes for 153 yards and the Giants' ground game eked out a game two forced fumbles.

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Giants' ground game eked out a mere 75 yards. Montana suf-In the fourth quarter New York marched from their 35 to a fered through his second consecutive substandard game. The first down on the San Francisc nine. Four Simms passes feli-incomplete, the last deflected by sained only 240 yards and Mike incomplete, the last deflected by the cornerback, Darryl Pollard.

Little flow but a surfeit of interruptions

By HENRY KELLY

THE main difference be-tween American football and British association football is, apart from the shape of the ball, the fact that if a chap does something wonderful in American football none of his team-mates can get near enough to him to give him a hug, never mind a kiss. The best he can hope for is a smack on his helmet, one of those all-embracing pieces of protective head-gear which look like big pencil sharpeners and can be worn only by men whose neck muscles must clearly resemble the growing trunks of small trees.

Over the weekend we had two fine examples of both species of football on our television screens. And all this when we had perhaps the best snooker match for years, some fine rugby, excellent horse-racing and even the odd boxing match which was easy on the eye.

I sympathise with those entrusted with the coverage for television of American football. Even by United States standards, the breaks for advertisements are daft. Given that the game itself is not a flowing game and that its skill depends on calculation and steady progress rather than rapid advance, there are more stops in it than traffic lights in Oxford Street. Commercials, however, not only interrupt after individual plays, they seem to be hanging around just waiting to pounce the minute the ball is dead.

Having had that grouse, may I say that the Candlestick Park encounter between the San Francisco 49ers and the New York Giants in the early hours of yesterday morning was well worth watching - for the first half. Someone once remarked of Beckett's Waiting For Godot that it was a drama in which nothing happened twice. Nothing happened in the second half after the 49ers had taken a 7-3 lead following an expected Joe Montana move that gave his learn the

only touchdown of the game, There were some beautiful shots of the bay area of San Francisco and the crowd whenever the cameras cut to struck me as daft in rugby them - seemed to be having a that the side scored against is good time. This was the big boys playing for real and the difference between it and some of the college football returning the ball to the we have seen on Channel 4 in opposition. the past was, as you would expect, one of pace and from the Yankee book and, greater accuracy. The channel perhaps beginning with sevis to be congratulated for ens rugby, make it that if you bringing us this football. I have scored, you have to have given it time to settle restart the play. After all, you into me and I enjoyed it.

Liverpool and Arsenal reward.

SPORT ON TELEVISION

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

showed us the differences: did you notice how, com-pared to Candlestick Park, Highbury, one of our better grounds, looked small and pokey? While Kenny Dalglish and George Graham walked the touchline in anoraks, looking like two ice lollies, their American equivalents are wired for sound and march the side of the field with a bevy of supporting trainers and players ready to come on and do their bidding at a moment's notice.

Let us be clear, though, about one thing the actual physical coverage of a fast moving, flowing game -which Sunday's was - knocks spots off the equivalent from the States in terms of viewer appeal: the advertising interruptions apart, there are just too many on-screen statistics in the the American football, far too much talk from the commentators and not enough moments in which a viewer can calmly watch the play proceed. This is only partly due to the nature of the game; the rest is over-excitable television presentation.

It has truly been said of television that its terminology belongs to the under-world: "kill"; "cur"; "dead"; "black"; "strike"; "pull"; meanwhile the terminology of American football belongs to a world where the expectation of serious injury seems uppermost in participants' minds: "dump"; "sack"; "bomb". It is actually possible to listen to the American-based commentators, realise they are using English words but not have a blessed chie what the poor guys are

I noticed one aspect about American football which, it seems to me could be introduced to rugby union at home: the side that scores a touchdown kicks off to restart the game. It has always put into the position where it has a better-than-evenmoney chance of at once opposition.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Sponsor's Gregory puts his family first

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THE sponsor. Silk Cut, is investing £300,000 in next year's Challenge Cup tournament, with £180,000 in prizemoney and a record purse for the winners of £32,000 (Keith Macklin writes). The remaining £120,000 will go into the capital development fund for ground improvements. The draw for the preliminary and first rounds of the 1991 tournament will be made at Leeds on December 20. Meanwhile, Whitehaven have

conceded a scoring point in the second division without playing match, and all because their hooter failed at full-time in the match against Doncaster on October 14. In the interval between the

hooter failure and the referce being notified and blowing the final whistle, Carroll, of Doncaster, dropped a goal. Reports of the match gave the score as 9o to Doncaster at the time of the hooter failure. As the league has ruled that the referee's whistle is the official end to a match, the dropped goal will count, bringing the final score to 10-6.

ANDY Gregory, Great Britain's clusive, inventive and often inspiring scrum half throughout the 1980s, yesterday announced his retirement from inter-national Rugby League to spend more time with my family and my business in Wigan." However, to sighs of relief which echoed throughout Wigan, he says he will continue to play club rugby at Central Park.

Gregory made his announcement with the startling suddenness of those electrifying scrum breaks which even the Australians found hard to contain. "I have been thinking about it for some time, and I have decided to call it a day now to give Malcolm Reilly, the Great Britain coach, time to blood and groom a scrum half for the 1992 tour down-under."

His decision has something to do with the fact that a nagging groin injury prevented him from producing his best form against the Kangaroos in the dramatic recent series. His inability to break down the Australian defences with the quicksilver bursts for which he has become renowned was a

source of bitter disappointment to him, and he is again having treatment at a London sports

However, the injury is not the major reason. Speaking at his non-ferrous metals workshop, where overalls have taken over from the Wigan and Great Britain strips, Gregory said: "I have spent so much time playing rugby, training, going away to international camps, touring and generally eating, drinking and sleeping Rugby League that I have had no time for my wife

and three-year-old daughter.
"I am in partnership with my father-in-law in the business, but people think he runs it on Gregory first came to prom-

inence with Widnes in the early 1980s, and won the first of his 25 international caps, one of them as substitute, in 1981. He joined Warrington, won further hon-ours with them, and set up a then world record transfer fee of £130,000 when he left Warrington for Wigan in the 1986-87 season.

Wigan side under Graham Lowe and latterly under John Monie mopped up the game's major trophies season after season. At club and international level his performances on television made him the rival of Ellery Hanley as Rugby League's most familiar and famous performer well outside the northern boundaries of the code. Latterly, however, he has been so dogged by injury that he has been unable to produce consistently his most brilliant form.

Like many little half-backs, Gregory has spirit and a tem-perament twice his size, and is a fearless tackler of big forwards. His peppery temperament has often brought him into skirmishes with authority on the field as well as off it. Once or twice during his successful career at Wigan he has crossed swords with the coach.

Maurice Lindsay, the Wigan chairman and Great Britain manager, said yesterday: "Andy will be missed by Great Britain, and I am delighted he will The move was to lead to his greatest successes, as the great

SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

McAdam strikes twice as Malvern fight back

By GEORGE CHESTERTON SHREWSBURY were enter-

tained at Malvera on Saturday, 1 a meeting of two schools which have had a season of mixed fortunes. The visitors opened the scoring through Cooke, who deflected a corner into the goal to give them a half-time lead. Malvern pressed hard to find the equaliser, which came only ten minutes from came only ten minutes from time through McAdam, who shot through a maze of defenders, and it was he who bundled in the winner a few minutes before the final whistle.

Wellingborough dominated play for the first 20 minutes at Highgate, but the remainder of the first half went all the home team's way. Robinson, aged 16, scored twice and September made it three with a firm volley. Wellingborough came storming back after the interval, two goals coming from Entwistle and one from Canale to bring the scores level. Five minutes from time Armitage lobbed the ball neatly over the goalkeeper to give

Wellingborough victory.

Lancing have had a busy week which included a 1-1 against Hampton, with both goals coming in the first half.
Debere gave them a 1-0 victory Debere gave them a 1-0 victory in the dying moments over Victoria College, Jersey, and he scored again in their 1-0 win against Eastbourne Sixth Form College, a result which takes them to the final of the Sussex Com

Wyggeston Queen Elizabeth's College defeated Guthiaxton College 2-1 after extra time to win the Leicester Cup and High Pavement Sixth Form College won 3-1 against All Saints, Mansfield, to win the title in Manianhamphing their Nottinghamshire, their scorers being Whitehurst, who claimed two, and Batey, who settled the issue from the penalty spot.

SQUASH RACKETS

Horner at her most influential

By COLIN McOUILLAN TWO weeks into the Squash Rackets Association (SRA) women's superleague season, the influence of the second-

string player is apparent.
Yellow Pages Caversham and
Reebok Nottingham emphatically head the new league table. But the strong Caversham squad dropped their second string dead rubber to the long acknowledged effectiveness of Alison Cumings in that position and for the second week running Nottingham needed the strength of Suzanne Horner in the decidng rubber to earn their win

Horner could well emerge this season as the most influential eason Cumings's almost unblemished season at second string won the league for Colets and she was quick this week to counter moves by the SRA to use its mandatory ment listing as justification for promoting her above Michelle Martin, of Australia, in the Colets playing

Cumings cited narrowing spinal discs as a cause of with-drawal from the international circuit on which she already ranks below Martin, then went out happily re-established as Colets' second string to destroy Rebecca Best, the Irish No. 1, 9-5, 10-8, 9-0 in 29 minutes.

That saved a point for Colets I hat saved a point to: Color after Martin and Cassandra Jackman fell away from match point positions to lose in the other rubbers.

The continuing impact on the leadership is likely to come from Horner, however, At Thorpe Bay this week she brushed aside Samantha Langley 9-6, 9-0, 9-1 in less than 15 minutes to settle the match against IMS

shire and Hampshire seemed less daunting. Horner might have been leading the new Lee onSolent squad into contention this season. Instead she supports Lisa Opie in a Nottingham line up that can afford to carry a so-far unrewarded Rebecca Macree

RESULTS: IMS Courtiands 1, Reebox Notingham 2: Yellow Pages Caversham 2, Colets 1, League positions: 1, Yellow Pages Caversham, 11pts: 2, Reebox Notingham, 10; 3, Colets, 1; 4, IMS Courtiands, 1; 5, Lee on Scient, 1.

Corr signed to Hearn's Matchroom

By STEVE ACTESON

BARRY Hearn, whose world champions, Steve Davis and Allison Fisher, have lost their respective titles, has signed a replacement, in the form of the new women's title-holder, Karen Corr.

The signing of Corr takes Hearn's Matchroom stable to eight, six men and two women.

Hearn also announced yesterday a sponsor for the world matchplay tournament which begins in Brentwood tomorrow. Coalite will put up the £250,000 prize-money, £100,000 of which will go to the winner.

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Old Applejack can underline recovery of Johnson's string

(MICHAEL PHILLIPS)

AFTER Area Code had won at Hexham hast Thursday it was a mightily relieved Howard lohnson who returned to his home near Crook in County Durham. For that result, along with a good run by stable companion Slave Time earlier in the afternoon, was a clear indication that his string had recovered from a virus that has been wreaking havoc in his stable during the previous

At Catterick Bridge today I will be looking to Old Applejack to provide further evidence that things are looking up by winning the Charles Vickery Memorial Cup over a course and distance which has already provided him with two of his 10 victories under

Last time out Old Appleack, who has the Grand National as his long-term objective, was, like most of his stable companions, a disappointment when he managed only fifth in the race won by Dalkey Sound at Kelso.

Before that, though, Old Applejack was a creditable third behind Celtic Shot and Kildimo in the Charlie Hall Chase at Wetherby, that after winning on the same Yorkshire track in October. Today his chance of defying top weight is best judged on those



with Last 'O' The Bunch

Unlike Old Applejack, The Demon Barber, the repre-sentative of Gordon Richards' in-form stable, is far from certain on past form to see out today's trip.

In my view Last 'O' The Banch is a more likely winner for the successful Greystoke trainer when he contests the Bobby Faulkner Memorial Challenge Trophy, Although not in the same league as Sudden Victory over hurdles, he looks much more the type to do well over tences.

Also, he has shown form on the prevailing ground whereas Sudden Victory, who lost his way on the Flat this year, would prefer it much softer underfoor

lam Novices' Hurdle following that narrow defeat at the Southwell.

hands of Flight Hill over the same course and distance nine days ago.

At Hunningdon, I expect to see the EBF Novices' Hurdle qualifier won by Fortunes Wood, who created a most favourable impression on his racecourse debut when he beat The Artful Rascal by seven lengths at Leicester.

It will also be surprising if Pragada fails to win the Crowland Novices' Chase having run that decent jumper Aston Express so close at Haydock a formight ago. As Prideaux Boy looks a

shadow of his former self. Major Match should be able to record his third victory at Ludlow by winning the Tete Bookmakers Handicap Chase before he retires into winter

As far as the Tote Credit Novices' Handicap Chase is concerned, I think it advisable to give Nougat Russe a chance to atone after falling as early as the second fence at Hereford a week ago. Before that he was a creditable second at Taunton to Mandraki Shuffle, who was also the eventual winner of that same race at Hereford.

Finally, Emma O'Gorman can show yet again what a promising young rider she is underfoot.
Today's nap, though, is father Bill on Haky (12.40)
Blacksburg to win the Streetand Scottish Castle (2.10) on the all-weather surface at

Southernair's win Tom Morgan's spirited fight to overcome the weight problem which threatens his career was rewarded with a victory on course specialist Southernair at Fontwell Park yesterday. Morgan, the former stable jockey to Ross-on-Wye trainer John Edwards, is now riding as a

John Edwards, is now riding as a freelance and serzing every opportunity his weight permits in both Britain and Ireland. With Sieve Smith Eccles and Richard Dunwoody unavailable to take the ride on seven times track winner Southernair in the Wally Coomes Handicap Chase, Morgan was the third choice. But the jockey, whose talents are greatly respected by his weigh-

ing room colleagues, gave the Grand National prospect a fine ride to get the better of Breakfast Car by 1½ lengths.

Making the 12 stone in this instance was no frouble, but the Irishman admitted: "I can do only 11st 2lb at the moment, the only 113 210 at the moment, the weight is a big problem. It is a case of keeping up regular visits to the sauna, and although it's a struggle I'll win in the end and get back to my normal weight.

If the opportunity arose, Morgan would snap up the offer to nice Southernair at Aintree. Owner Stanley Powell believes his gelding is just the right type for the Aintree fences. Old Varginia maintained his

Old Virginia maintained his improvement with a 1th lengths win over Al Asoof in the Coomes Handicap Hundle, to complete a 37-1 double for Dorset trainer Reg Akehurst, whose newcomer Hartham landed some hefty bets in the Blackheath Novices Hurdle.

Your Well, a former point-topointer in Ireland, surprised trainer Philip Hobbs with the ease of his 12 lengths win over The Artful Rascal, the 5-4 favourite for the Greenwich Novices Hurdle. The golding was always cantering and pulled right away over the final two right away over the final two

Wetherby objective for impressive Greenheart

possible too."

Chris Grant, who had several
fancied rides at the meeting, decided to stand down following

At reasonin was oscaed from
6-1 to 7-2 with William Hills
yesterday for the A F Rudge
fancied rides at the meeting,
decided to stand down following

Cheltenbarn on Saturday.

2.15 CROWLAND NOVICES CHASE (£2,085: 3m) (6 runners)

6000097 BRIOTOWN 822 (J. Hancock) M. Sketner 7-14-19 33040-2 FOXY BOY 26 (A Cassell) J. Leigh 7-19-10 400-293 GRAND INCURSTOR 5 (E Harvey) G Beiging 5-10-10 03540-2 PRAGADA 14 (C.Q.S) (Art M. McGlone) J. Gifford 7-10-10 000997-F PRYS-KOY 8 (G. Hubbard) F. Murphy 5-10-10 000997-F PRYS-KOY 8 (G. Hubbard) F. Murphy 5-10-10

BETTING: 6-4 Progeds, 9-4 Foxy Boy, 3-1 Alcetrez, 6-1 Grand Inquisitor, 33-1 Pry's-Joy, 40-1 Birdio

2.45 BISHOPS STORTFORD NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,118: 2m 4f) (7 rumers)

PPS-212 WHATS YOUR PROBLEM 16 (BF,G) (Lord Veeley) Mise H Knight 7-19-0 G Upten (2)
PD1-312 MAJOR EFFORT 15 (CD,BF,F,G) (Mrs F Hervey) G Getting 5-11-0 J Prost
0/8179-6 SENEGALAMS 12 (S) (S Tindet) S Mellor 6-11-3 M Ferret:
PP2CP/P PROVERBIAL KHIGHT 16 (S Flothson) J Speering 7-10-10 R Guest
54-013 TRY SE NOW 61 (0,P) (J Upson) J Upeon 4-10-8 R Supple 6
0/5200-P PENSIONER PATCH 32 (F) (S Feem) J Gifford 8-10-6 R Consts
SP4(3PP TOYTOWN 289 (Mrs P Herson) P Remote 5-10-4 R September 10-7-7 (CMR) R STYTING 2-7 (STATE CONTROL TO THE STYTING 2-7 (STATE CONTROL TO THE STYTING 2-7 (STATE CONTROL THE STYTING 2-7 (STATE C

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streightionword test previously when beeing Levers
Way 201 is Fornwel (2m 21 10yd, good). MAJOR:
EPFORT 12 2nd to Ette Boy in a hendicap at
Wolverhampton (2m 41, good to firm). Previously
pushed out to beet Royal Oractor 23d race at
Townsers (2m 50yd, good).

EPFORT 15 2 2nd to Ette Boy in a hendicap
at the common control (2m 41, good to firm). Previously
pushed out to beet Royal Oractor 23d race at
Townsers (2m 50yd, good).

EPFORD 15 2 2nd to Children Charles (2m 41, good to Erm). Makes
the common control (2m 41, good to Erm). Makes
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1989: LIGHTHING WIND 8-10-4 A Adente (11-2) K Granius 15 cm

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BOLD CHONCE has shown little form this season, compared with 41 2rd to hors Guest at Ascot (2nd, 1997). DWO'A SHART 25 for to The Widge Little Country and Country and Country and Country (2007), with MINTERS. Order (2007), with MINTERS. Order (2007). While ALLIANS (40) worse off 37 7th and GREENWELS.

391-135 CLD APPLEJACK 14 (CD,F,S) (G Tobict) J Johnson 10-12-0.

2913P-3 THE DEMON SARBER 15 (G.S) (R Cuppy) G Richards 8-T1-6.

295-P95 SONNE ARTIST 22 (F,G) (P Piler) W A Supplience 5-10-3.

3925-16 SEE YOU THERE 15 (K,CD,F,S) (J Murdoch) Jissey Rogeraté 8-10-3.

111322 DORONECUSI 9 (F,G,S) (Mrs S Ramedon) A Harrison 11-10-1.

CROSSE VANTARO 76 (V) (Mrs J Jordan) Mrs J Jordan 8-10-0.

3.15 TETWORTH HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,616: 2m 100yd) (11 runners)

Kit: 7-4 What's Your Problem, 5-2 Major Effort, S-1 Try Me How, 6-1 Sanegahile, 50-4 Proverble

45000-2 ALCATRAZ & (B.F) (F Garner) J Ringer 6-10-10... 60060p) BIRDTOWN 822 (J Hancock) M Skenner 7-10-10...

GREENHEART will contest the competitive Castleford Chase at Wetherby on December 27 after an easy 30 lengths victory over sole rival Meik-leour in the Silver Blaze Handicap Chase at Newcastle yesterday.

Peter Niven, standing in for the injured Chris Grant, made every yard of the running and as the race warmed up so did Greenheart's fencing. Frank Scotto, the owner of Greenheart, said: "Waterloo Boy and Young Snugfit are in the Castleford but I am hopeful that mine will be a possible too."

a fall from Fighting Finish in the last race at Kelso on Monday. "I also hopeful the say of last race at Kelso on Monday. "I has begin in the back in a couple of days," Grant said. Nigel Tinkler and Graham McCourt clinched a short-priced double with Rodeo Star and Tranquil Waters. Rodeo Star was particularly impressive, and his comfortable 3½ lengths victory over Stagshaw Greenheart's fencing. Frank Scite in the Hound Of The Baskervilles Novices Hurdle stamped him as a possible too."

Gley Lytes (3) 70

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1.40 KING LEAR GLAMING STAKES (DW B: 2-Y-12.10 Stoneleigh Abbey. 12.40 Haky. 1.10 Cor-morant Creek. 1.40 Access Holidayz. 2.10 Soot-ish Castle. 2.40 Drum Sergeant. 3.10 Suivez Moi. Michael Seely's selection: 12.40 Haky Draw: 65-75, kew republics best 12.10 KING LEAR CLAIMING STAKES (DIVI: 2-Y-O: £2,448: 6f) (13 runners) #22.448: 69) (13 runners) 1 4215 ***EXPOID GUN NEAGH 28 F.G.; C RISS *** S Buster 5 2 570 ***TEXAN CLARICUR 5 (3) ft Ranson 6-7 ft Perlam (6) 11 3 5922 ***STONELENGR ARREY 75 ft Hollosined 6-6 4 0003 ***CONTINUENTAL CARL 27 Ex.F. J. Jackins 8-6 5 0005 ***STAN 2005 M Striam 8-4 5 300 ***STAN 2005 M Striam 8-4 5 300 ***STAN 2005 M Striam 8-4 7 6000 ***STAN 2005 M Striam 8-4 7 6000 ***STAN 2005 M Striam 8-4 7 6000 ***STAN 2005 M Striam 8-4 8 0000 ***STAN 2005 M Striam 8-4 9 0000 ***STAN 2005 M Striam 8-4 10 0000 ***PLAR 6 (5 ft) M TeXAN 10-10 M STAN 10-10 M ST 12.40 INTERNATIONAL ANTIQUE & COLLEC-TORS FAIR MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,858: 1m) 1.10 KING HENRY VI HANDICAP (\$2,408: 1m 3f) 8 4935 DANCING SENSATION 13 (F) J. Hills 8-9-9. 8 6933 TRESTICION 15 (B) J. Ebedington 3-8-6. J. 17 Course specialists TRAINERS: P Meidt, 2 Winners from 10 remers, 40.0%; T Berron, 25 from 80, 31.3%; W O'Gonnan, 7 from 28, 26.5%; M W Easterby, 8 from 45, 17.6%; R Hanson, 4 from 24, 16.7%; D Trivide, 6 from 39, 15.4%; JOCKEYS: Airx Grouves, 25 Winners from 87 fides, 38.5%; Emma O'Gorman, 8 from 17, 35.3%; C Hodgson, 8 from 17, 17.5%; M Hits, 3 from 19, 15.7%; S Growley, 7 from 48, 15.2%; G Carter, 16 from 109, 14.7%;

By Mandarin

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3. SHARON'S RABER? (7 Bits 6-5. If Bits 71

4. 6004 ROLINED 6 M. Jacob 6-5. If Received 6-5. If Receiv 13. 04 GRIA'S DELIGHT ST J WHEREIN 7-5 & Wood (3) 13-6 Precious Air, 100-30 Access Holders, 4-1 fron Red, 6-1 Cool Coquello, 10-1 Where's Geral, 14-1 dislets. 2.10 HAMLET HURSERY HANDICAP (24-0: 2.10 HAMLET MURDELLY JAMES WUTGOMEN BY
1.118 SCOTTISM CASTLE 26 (R.D.B.F.S.) WUTGOMEN BY
2.586 MICHIGAN 5 (F. G. Oktroyd B-13. — Park Rickey 3
3.535 CAPROLLS MARC 15 M Tompicos B-13
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CHARLES AND STYLE 13 (0) R Guset 8-9. — 7 Williams 8
5 0206 CORPORATE TYPE 5 D Chapman 8-8. — 1 Charles 8
6 446 LINES AUGUST 15 M Johnson 8-8. — 1 Charles 6
7 6818 JOLLY FISHERMAN 15 (CD) M Chapman 8-5
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2 0021 RAMBO EXPRESS 22,000 is harden (4) 15 3.10 WINTERS TALE HANDICAP (E2,553: 2m) (18) 1 4012 NORTHWOLD STAR 27 (P.S) D Thom 48-12

2.D FOTE CREDIT NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (22,536; 3m) (7) 1. PR A LAD BELASE 20 FF K Birlly PT 1-16.... A Tory (8) 2. BEST ROMAND SERTEMAY 2 (8) HES 3 Clear 2-16 (8) 3. P-12 RESEAR CHASE 11 SEP 27 K Handiston 2-11-2 (1986) 4. PRO-INCIGAT PURSE 2 H Typicin-Device 4-11-2 12.30 Time Led. 1.0 Major March, 1.30 Demart. 2.0 Nouget Russe, 2.30 Avonmouthscoretary, 3.0 Rocktos. F -ori analysis cores of the Allegan (1.11-5 2.30 RADIO SHROPSHIRE STAVERS HAROICAP HURDLE (22.490: 3m 19 (11) 12.30 STOKESAY HOVICES CHASE (P2.654: 2m 4f) 1 182 DERERT PALM 6 (SF E.G) IT HOUSE S. (1-10 A Tory (S 2 484 AND MANDE CHECKET AND TO PRODUCE 4.17 A Rose (S) 8 -446 STRING POSTOPIO M (V.) IT PRODUCE 6.17 2 8 AND MANDE CONTROL TO STRING CO. 17 A DIMENSION OF MANDE CO. 17 A 11-10 Tines List, 7-2 Karnes Style, 9-2 Casino Magic 5-1 Snooker Table, 10-1 cinera 1.5 TOTE BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP CHASE 1 - SEE PROPERLIX SOY 41 (D.P.G.S) C Roach 12-15-0 - Shorts 2 211- MARKET LEADER SET (CD.F.G) R Law 10-15-2 S 1429 MAJOR MATCH 19 (C.P.C.C.) T-Prince 5-1-2 M Division 4 8-22 MARE LOVE 15 (C.P.F.(t) los 8 Johnson 11-100 A Johnson 12 (C) May J Hormood 8-10-0 V Steeling (C) 3.0 BIRCHER HOVICES HUNDLE (C1,360: 2m 5t) 18-8 Pricionate Boy, 5-2 Merical Leader, 4-1 Major Abbir. 6-1 Pero Lore, 10-1 To Asteri. 1.30 WISTANSTOW SELLING HURDLE (21,648: 2m) (11) 1 446* OCCAMBST 13 (B.P. 8 Preco 5-11-8 ... A Justine (B. 2 3224 POLOER 22 (D.F.) D Williams 4-11-8 ... B Down (7) 3 73* DAMART 8 (D.S.) Mee L Sichel 6-11-4 ... A Justine (B. 3 1 DAMART 8 (D.S.) Mee L Sichel 6-11-4 ... A Justine (B. 4 1-5) 8 80-CAMBRIARYON ROYAL SEEF R Hodges (3-11-4 ... A Ladder (S) ... A Tory (S) ... B Gallay Work 15 F Contro 6-11-0 ... M M. Lynch 6 00-P WOODLANDS GREY 46 P-Prichart 6-11-0 ... A Webb 9 8-8 BALLYYANDAM LADY 18 Public 4-10-8 ... Cames 10 PY BALLYYANDAM LADY 18 Public 4-10-8 ... Cames 10 PY BALLYMA 435F B Web 5-10-9 ... Mr M. Heatls (7) 11 8-90 TUPOUS 6 7 Technol 6-10-9 ... Mr M. Heatls (7) 10-80 TUPOUS 6 7 Technol 6-10-9 ... Mr M. Heatls (7) 10-80 TUPOUS 6 7 Technol 6-10-9 ... Mr M. Heatls (7) 11 December 7-2 Stately Sold 4-4 Bellies (6-1) Characteristics

Course specialists TRANSERS: Mrs S Johnson, 3 winners from 4 passers, 75.0%; N. Hehderson, 8 from 25, 30.8%; 7 Forester, 16 from 74, 24.5%; 9 toe. 9 from 44, 20.5%; 1. Edwards, 17 from 87, 19.5%; 13 Gastolio, 10 from 54, 19.5%; 14 Edwards, 17 from 87, 19.5%; 15 Gastolio, 10 from 54, 19.5%; 15 from 80, 20.0%; J White, 4 from 29 rides, 20.7%; H Dustin, 16 from 80, 20.0%; J White, 4 from 20, 17.4%; W McFedinori, 5, from 88, 12.8%; D Tagg, 6 from 49, 12.2%, (Only qualifiers).

HUNTINGDON Selections By Mandarin

1.15 Infinity Rule 1.45 Fortune

2.15 Pragada. 2.45 Whats Your Problem.

By Michael Seely 1,45 FORTUNES WOOD (nap). 2.15 Pragada.

Going: good (chase course); good to firm (hurdles) 12.45 MONTÁGU CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HURDLE (£1,576: 2m 100yd) (6

BAO PAULO 6 (Cheby Feshiona) C Allen 4-11-4
GABARDOON 57F (J. Quann) J Devies 3-10-7
SUPERETTA 8 (CCLG) (In Russel) J Junions 3-10-7
JULY PRE GOLD 9 (G Winterg) W Perro 3-10-2
SILLOGICAL 16 (Dr. W Hefferman) J Wharton 3-10-2
WEEDCROER 340F (Mas K George) Mas K George 3-10-2
SILLOGICAL 16 (Dr. W Hefferman) J Wharton 3-10-2
SILLOGICAL 17 (Dr. W Hefferman) J Wharton 3-10-7
SILLOG M Ahere 93 ___ S Curren (4) SETTING: 8-5 Superetts, 15-5 Sec Psulo, 8-1 Illogical, 10-1 Fire Gold, 18-1 Gaberdoon, 20-1 Week

SUPPRETTA driven out to beet Liedy Primrose (ii in a seller over course and distance (good). FREE GOLD throble weekened approaching last when 164 4th to Spider Women in a seller at Nottingham (2m. good). It-

FORM FOCUS 8AO PAULO never nev ection: SAC PAULO

1.15 LONG SUTTON HANDICAP CHASE (\$2,406: 2m 200yd) (5 runners) 1 spirates investigation of the state of the

ge Tribute To Youth 9-12. METTING: 7-4 Tribute To Youth, 5-2 Infinity Rules, 4-1 Mr Quick, 6-1 Wise Cracker, 8-1 Scient Led.

1969: MULLY BOY 6-10-0 P Leech (9-1) W Brooks & ran

FORM FOCUS INFENITY weekened approaching 4 out when a distant last of 4 to Bac Trace at Ayr (2m 40, ont). Previously best Pernoic %I at Lacastri (2m 44, sott). Previously best Pernoic %I at Lacastri (2m 44, good to sott).

MR QUICK weekened approaching last when 3% and of 3 to Prescriben at Nottingnam (2m, good to sott). And the Research of 3 to Prescriben at Nottingnam (2m, good to firm). Ones to firm). Sollection: TRIBUTE TO YOUTH (map) 1.45 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,887: 2m 100yd) (8 runners)

5 G00-5 PERSUAN SWORD 18 (P Heoworth) D Nicholson 4-11-0 R Damwoody 78
6 6-60 SCOLE 32 (G Hubberd) F Murphy 5-11-0 D Murphy
7 3 SD PROUD 18 (Lord Wolvenon) S Melor 5-11-0 B Persual B Persual S STRYPBOK 11 (Lady Cohen) N Henderson 5-11-0 J Kareenagh (5) BETTME2 4-5 Fortunes Wood, 5-1 S0 Proud, 6-1 Storybook, 10-1 Persuan Sword, 12-1 Come Line, Mandy's Tino, 25-1 others.

CATTERICK BRIDGE

Selections By Mandarin

1989: M | BABE 4-10-9 Fl Beggan (16-1) Mrs | McKie 15 ran FORM FOCUS FORTUNE'S WOOD | Invide at Warwick film, good), SCOLE talled-off 10th of 17 to Change The Act at Chapstow (2m, good). Arrivir Rascal 7: at Lesser's (2m, sort), with of 17 to Change The Act at Chapstow (2m, good). SO PROUD rumming-on 13: 3rd of 20 to Book of MANNOY'S TIME CORRECT LINE COSTANT 10th of 15 PROUD rumming-on 13: 3rd of 20 to Book of 17 to Change Time Carlot (2m, sort), 14 to Strong Good at Plumpton (2m 41, good to limit) | STORYBOOK staying-on 41 5th to Singing Sem in a National Hunt Set race at Market Rasen (1m 64, good). Staying-on 19 to Kertilan Paper in a novues' handloop.

Course specialists

THAINERS 1.45 CHARLES VICKERY MEMORIAL CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,684: 3m 1f 80yd) (6:

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5-2 Depart, 7-2 Shelly's Foly, 4-1 Polder, 6-1 Chien Royal, 6-1 Occardist, 10-1 others.

Blinkered first time SOUTHWEST: 12:10 Balerro, Lady Soutfield, 1,40 Stately Ma 2.10 Soutlish Carelle.

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Selections

By Mandarin

Going: good to firm (Ykm petokes)

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2m) (11) :

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2.45 (2n 2t 170yd cb) 7, MASTER
COMEDY (5 Hoogson, 13-8 tee); 2, Tryumphand Laid (1) Device, 100-30; 3,
Matin Mis Piper (M. Kinana, 7-12, ALSORAN: 10 Kellys Pai tou), 33 Gex (40), 5
ran, NR: Deybrook Verb. 7, 114, dist.
Miss J. Bower at Americant. Total (2.40),
21.50, \$1.50, DF: \$4.60, CSF, \$5.82. 21.60, £1.60. DF: £4.60: CSF: £8.82.
3.16 (Zm &t holid) 1, YOUR WIELL (int B. Celtion, 12-1); 2. The Authol Rescal (Fl. Rowe, 5-4 lev); 3, Ashibate Sey-Out P. Scholiteid, 4-1). ALSC RANK & Lisens. Print (Edit), Puls Puls (Eth); 5 Orangey, 12 Johan Jack, 16 Frans Siri (Sm), 20 Ryson Flux, 35 Frant Top. 50 Country Life, Crossinod Laware (pu), Subanger (pu), Thunderlessod (pu), 14 ran, 121, 23, 71, 21, 40, 4 Holbs at Mineshinad, Totak 223,65; £5,30, £1,50, £2,00. DF; £22,10, CSP-£29,59.

Placepolt EST.St. Newcastle Going: good (good to firm in places)
1.0 (Sm ch) 1. Bingr's GAZZELE (N
Smith. 16-1); 2. Homering, Lea (J
O'Gorman, 5-1); 8, Bullet Train (R

sterday's three meetings 12.45 (2m 2).110yd cit 1, TRAVAN Core 2, 25 (2m) 22.50, 2.170. OF: 181. J Old, Toke 21.30, 22.50, 2.170. OF: 181. J Old, Toke 21.30, 2.250, 2.170. OF: 181. J Old, Toke 21.30, 2.270. DF: 28.00. CSP, 28.00. CSP,

225.50. CSF. 281.20. Tricent 2226.71.

2.15 (2m 21 1109d ch) 1.

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2.015 (2m ch) 1.

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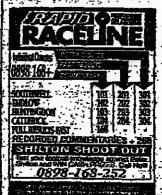
2.015 (2m ch) 1.

2.016 Auckland, Tome 21-40,
3.30 (3m hdle) 1, CROICE
CHALLANGE (I. Wyer, 4-7 tay); 2, He
Who Dames Wiese (Ar K. Johnson, 12-1);
3. Off The Ben Out of Sectiones, 33-12
ALSO RANE 5-2 Frying Solo (8h); 25
Frying 10n, 50 Minntez Dancer (4h),
Zenth Stane (584, 100 Alwey's Flat Broke (6u), 200 Prisonosinal Lass (Fe), 9-mm.
NF: Keng Spring, 10, 3, 125, hd, 30, M
Hamsond at Mindelsham, Totas £1-50; 51, 10, 22-40, 2520, DF: £10.50, CSF:
27-73.
Paccence £75, 70 Placepot £75.70

Leicester Going: good (chases convert good to soft fundac):
12.30 (2m hole) f. Mino (L Octome, 711: 2. Strice (7-1); 3. Intrad Lass (12-7);
11: 2. Strice (7-1); 3. Intrad Lass (12-7);
11: 2. Octomer (12-1); 11: 3. Intrad Lass (12-7);
10: 2.340; 2.150; 2.400; 2.370; 0.00;
211: 50: 65; 25; 7.7.

1.0 (2m hole) 1. Stricture Lynn, S. Hichardson, 5-2; 2. Clas Du Bole (5-1); 3. Dructing Bid (9-7); Intrip Pringrose 2-3 intra 9- intra 5 intra

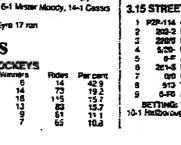
8-1) ALSO RANT 11-4 for Slove Told: £13.50; £190, £130; £280, DF; \$13.80 con; \$1.80 con;



2.15 Solitary Reaper. 2.45 Last 'O' The Bunch. 3.15 Blacksburg. 1.15 Now And Then. 1.45 Old Applejack. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating 12.45 LONGSHOREMAN. Going: good to firm 12.45 ELLERTON JUVENILE HOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: \$1,800: 2m) (16 runners) ELLERTON JUVENILE MOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: \$1,800: 2m) (16 rumers) 31 LONGSHOREMAN 9 (CD,9) (R Gomersei) N Tinkier 11-2 G McCourt © 70 PRECOME PETER 11 (P) (P Macdeshi O Brennan 11-2 R Merley 221 TRES AMICIOS 18 (CD,P) (N Peacock) R Woodhouse 11-2 R Merley 222 SPICER WOMAN 8 (C),G) (G Famden) R Wretsker 10-11 STumer P870 BIST 207 9 (F Lamp) R Lamb 10-9 K Jones CANNON'S SPIRIT 43F (T Cennan Jumny Fizzgersia 10-9 N Swift (5) EARL GRAV (N Jackson-18 ROY ROOMSON 10-9 N Swift (5) EARL GRAV (N Jackson-18 ROY ROOMSON 10-9 R Cented 45 HOLDFORTH 9 (R Colorian Durlys Smith 10-9 N Coloria (3) ELHUDHUD 13F (W Baskey) R Stuctos 10-9 N Coloria (3) ASPER ALMANAC 11 (M'S H Lodde! P Listie 10-9 N Coloria (3) EARL ALMANAC 11 (M'S H Lodde! P Listie 10-9 N G Coloria (3) EARL ALMANAC 11 (M'S H Lodde! P Listie 10-9 N Dooghty GA AMBRICA LAD 41F (D Little) G Richards 10-9 N Dooghty SANDRAC 421F (R Bottenia M Asson 10-9 R Gentley 25 SUGAR THE PILL 15 (M'S D Kan) T Farhuret 10-9 R Gentley 26 SUGAR THE PILL 15 (M'S D Kan) T Farhuret 10-9 R Gentley 7 TING: 11-4 Longshorsman, 5-1 Morapelley Lad. 11-2 Tres Amigos, 6-1 Sugar The Pill, Sandmor BETTING: 11-4 Longshoreman, 5-1 Montpeller Lad, 11-2 Tres Amigos, 5-1 Sugar The PN, St Jecquent, 8-1 Holdforth, Cannon 9 Sport. 10-1 Spider Woman, 12-1 Pinecone Peter, 14-1 others. 1939: STAY AWAKE 10-9 M Dwysr (10-11 fev) J J O Neil 21 ran 1.15 BROMPTON NOVICES HURDLE (Amateurs: £1,360: 3m 1f 80yd) (10 numers)

1929: PRETTY GAYLE 7-10-9 P Mediation (13-8 lav) J Eyre 17 ram

Course specialists



BETTRIC: 13-9 The Demon Barber, 9-4 Old Applejadir, 4-1 See You There, 7-1 Detonioum, 8-1 Sorese Arbst, 25-1 Vantard. 1885 THE WELK 10-11-10 C Grant W A SECTION WINDS 2.15 KIPLIN SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,842: 2m) (15 rustiens) 2.15 KIPLIN SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,842: 2m) (15 n

1 1141P3 PENLLYNE'S PRIDE 9 (D.F.Q) (8 Benton) R. Jackes 9-11-12

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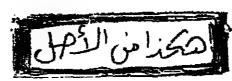
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Dismal England at rock bottom

From Alan Lee Cucket correspondent

GIVEN a setting as colourful as Arundel and an occasion famous, England contrived to turn in another destitute day's performance here yesterday. Losing to the Prime Minister's XI was no disgrace. But the way in which it happened confirmed the darkest suspicions about the state of this

Before the match began, Micky Stewart, the team manager, was at pains to point out that the result was not as important as the level of performance. "To lose a game like this in the right circumstances is not the end of the world," he said. By last night, Stewart was beyond a pretence that the circumstances had been right or that the performance had had anything to In brief, England lost by 31

runs to a team containing only one active Test player, the cantain, Allan Border, On a picnic and deckchair day at the charming Manuka Oval, Bob Hawke returned from Parliament House, and a sombre speech on the Gulf, to find his mood lightened by the eclipse of a team which has forgotten how to win and mislaid its sense of method and purpose.

If one takes this game at face value, and England's management left no one in any doubt that it was to be approached seriously, then the immediate future is depressing for them. At times they looked bereft of direction and at others of brainpower. They were also, incidentally, short on luck, Gower joining the injury list with a cracked and bruised right thumb.

All this might change, or be changed, but what cannot be altered is the raw material and, more than anything. England looked a team decorated with wall-to-wall mediocrity.

The players capable of rising above such ordinariness, like Lamb, Smith and Gower, seem to have been dragged down to the same level. Australians grow bored easily when their sport is one-sided and if there is not a profound reform within the touring side, and soon, this tour could die through lack of interest.

In the 1950s, when Sir Robert Menzies held the honour, the Prime Minister's matches were played in a more festive spirit. Distinguished betsmen could expect leniency from bowlers and umpires, ing lieutenant. Carrying the

From John Woodcock

IN LAHORE

THERE is a very different feel

in the air on the eye of the third

and deciding Test match be-tween Pakistan and West Indies, which starts here tomorrow,

than there was before the series

began in Karachi three weeks

ago. The conviction which per-vaded the Pakistan camp then

has been replaced by doubt. With the West Indians, it is the

The transformation occurred

in Fatsalabad, where in half an hour West Indies turned impending defeat into im-

other way round.



Tufnell came on to provide

England's most encouraging

only an even-money bet to be

two World Series Cup games,

Tufnell's chances of inclusion

In the closing overs, En-

gland's discipline in the field

degenerated once more and 34

came from the last three. This

had been one of the issues to

anger the management against

New Zealand last Saturday.

"We must never do this

again," had been the theme of

the sermon. Already, it has

been ignored. The bowling

was unimpressive, the fielding

occasionally slapdash and the

have improved.

Imran turns to older hands to foil West Indies

available for the weekend's

feature of the day.

included retired stars. Bradman was 54 when he played in 1963, Hassett and O'Reilly both played when in their late forties. There is a case for saying the day was better served that way, and that yesterday's crowd would prefer to have seen, perhaps. the Chappell brothers and Rod Marsh in action than some promising but fairly anonymous talent.

Mr Hawke, however. collaborates with the Australian selectors, who use this game for their own ends and have their coach, Bob Simpson, on hand to assess how the emerging talents cope. For them, it is a significant day, though perhaps not as significant as it was for Alian Lamb and his players.

No one is under greater Gone is the buccaneering banter which always identified him as such a good, if exhaust-

can for a losing team is no for three, before Bevan and laughing matter and Lamb has Lehmann put together a stand neither the leadership experience nor, it would seem, the expertise to carry it off.

His first arguable decision yesterday was to put the opposition in to bat. True, there had been rain on Monday and the outfield was wet and slow, but the pitch was never likely to be better than sluggish all day and the urgent need was to give the batsmen a chance to restore morale with a big score.

Selection was also contentious. In leaving out Hugh consistency of thought with last week's assertion that he is here only as cover for Gooch, but the opportunities to give him match practice in case he is needed at Christmas are very few. Releasing Lewis, the strain than Lamb, and no one team's one all-rounder, to play is betraying it more visibly. in a charity match in Melbourne. also seemed misguided.

Fraser and Bicknell rapidly reduced the Hawke team to 48

Down down under: Lamb, the England captain, sinks to his knees as failure again descends on the touring party in Canberra yesterday general air desultory. Hence, for the second time in two of 56. It was during this that

> Bowling almost entirely at Nevertheless, they had 48 left-handers, which he would overs to pursue a target of 227 not do by choice, Tufnell gave and it should not have been taxing once John Morris. England's bowling a challenging variety which has been striking the ball beautifully, absent too long. His three wickets were hard-earned and, and Larkins had launched the inpings with 57 in 12 overs. with Hemmines still thought

Smith then volunteered for the first of two particularly unintelligent run-outs, Stewart being the second culprit, and with Larkins, reprieved by an astonishing drop at cover when 12, out immediately after tea, England were

games, England failed in-

excusably to complete 50

overs in three-and-a-half

suddenly the outsiders. Gower had returned from hospital after x-rays on the thumb, injured when dropferocious cut from Border, but he did not bat until No. 8 and by then the game was all but lost. McDermott's three wickets in two overs left Gower no

obvious pain and in company with the slogging Malcolm.

Total (8 wkts, 48 overs) .

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New clampdown by TCCB on players' conduct

CONCERNED by the continued deterioration of behaviour in the game, the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) is to issue a stringent new directive on discipline. For the is to issue a stringent new directive on discipline. For the first time the board plans to list specific, unacceptable offences and everybody "inside the game", including county com-mittee men and officials, will have to sign their agreement to

Durham's certain election as a first-class county and a proposal to leave pitches uncovered are other items on one of most significant agendas for many years when the TCCB meets at Lord's today and tomorrow. No announcements will be made by the board until tomorrow

Until recently, administrators were able to leave matters of behaviour and discipline to the broad generalizations in the laws. These touch on fair and unfair play and actions that "might bring the game into disrepute". Just as the Interhas felt forced to plan the introduction of a code of conduct for Test matches, so the necessary to overhaul its own regulations on behaviour.

Carefully vetted by the TCCB's legal advisers, the directive starts by insisting that players should conduct themselves "fairly and properly" on the field and in any part of a cricket ground. It goes on to forbid any verbal or physical abuse, or hostility, towards any other player, or member of the public. Any disputing of an umpire's decision, either verbally or by reacting in a disapproving manner, inevitably, isted as an offence.

The Australian phrase 'sledg-ing' makes its first appearance in an official TCCB document in the section that forbids abusive language or other verbal ex-changes aimed at distracting a batsman. Also banned are all hand signals: not only finger estures but also the latest trend for bowlers to thumb directions The TCCB introduced par-modic drug tests several years ago to follow the lead given in other British sports. Infringements under the pro-posed directive will be dealt

under existing procedure adjudicating on offenders. The board retains the right to m. crease any penalties impos However sad, the necession for the board to spell out the various offences, its directive will be welcomed by most will be welcome, which has people in the game, which has people in the game, which has always jealously guarded in traditional reputation for good conduct. By including members of county committees in its jurisdiction, the board has taken overdue steps to close the door on statements and articles, which are often inflammatory

Meanwhile. Durham are not expected to have any difficulty in mustering the two-thirds majority needed from the 19 delegates to secure their promotion to first-class status for the 1992 season. Questions, how-ever, may be asked about the strength of their proposed play-

Overall, though, there is an appreciation that both cricket and the northeast will benefit from electing Durham and any reservations are expected to be laid aside. Four counties have proposed pitches should be left uncovered in an effort to redress the balance between but and ball. Those in favour also argue that batsmen's techniques would be improved and that provided for spectators

The proposal could fail, however, following opposition from the board's England and cricket committees, as well as several county captains. Sterner action against bowlers guilty of beamers and the provision of light bulb meters at all grounds are among other decisions ex-pected to be announced.

Cook continues to plunder the runs

OVERSEAS CRICKET by SIMON WILDE

JIMMY Cook, who scored al- the game for almost a year with most 4,000 runs in all county matches for Somerset last summer, has yet to quench his thirst for runs. A superbly paced unbeaten innings of 128, his fourth century of the South African season, paved the way for Transvaal's passage into the Nissan Shield final.

Cook's masterly performance came in the first leg of the semi-Transvaal, set a stiff target of 248 in their 55 overs, slipped to 58 for three before Cook and Steve Smith, the Australian, who made an unbeaten \$1, saw off the remaining runs, Transvasi won the second leg by 58 runs. They meet Eastern Prov-ince, the holders, in the shield final at Port Elizabeth on December 15.

New Zealand's attempts to copy some of the innovations of the Nissan Shield led to an interesting conclusion to the one-day trial match between Canterbury and Auckland in Christchurch, Martin Pringle, of Auckland, needed to hit the last ball for ten (a six in orthodox cricket). He was already on his third visit to the crease, having been substituted once and dismissed once. He could manage only a two. The last ball was bowled by Chris Cairns, the Test all-rounder, who had been out of

Although Disley said yesterday that he expected "various aspects" of the marathon to be

raised. Brasher was adamant that the keynote would be the

allocation of grants. With some £82,000 profit from the money markets in the last year, almost

£400.000 is available for grant-

ing to projects in the London

The allocation of that sum would leave the coffers empty and a more likely allocation is £200,000. In the first nine years

of the London Marathon.

£640,000 was granted by
London Marathon Ltd to a
range of schemes. "No other
marathon in the world consis-

a stress freture of the back. Saced Anwar, the Pakistan left-handed batsman, who had bagged a pair in his first Test, at Faisalabad, a few days earlier, gave a brilliant exhibition of strokeplay in the Patron's Trophy one-day final at Labore Gymkhana. His unbeaten 126 against Habib Bank, which in-cluded 15 fours and four sixes, carried the Agricultural Development Bank of Pakistan (ADBP) to their target of 197 off

40 overs with nine wickets and 79 balls to spare. On the fifth and final day of the first-class final of the Patron's Trophy in Karachi today, United Bank need to score 406
to prevent ADBP winning
again. United Bank's leading
scorer in the first innings was the veteran Shafiq Ahmed, a member of Pakistan's 1974 team to tour England.

onstrate that they are Australia's most improved state team. At Hobart over the weekend, they beat Tasmania, on first innings, Three recent arrivals to Victoria made an impression. The two Darrens from South Australia Berry and Lehmann, scored an centuries, respectively, while Craig White, the Yorkshire all-rounder, took two wickets.

minent victory. In the ten days since then they have had the benefit of a game in Sargodha to occupy them. All the Pakistanis

Woithe names the organisers of drugs ring

DRUGS IN SPORT

BERLIN (AFP) - East German sports figures were paid hard currency for taking drugs, according to the former Olympic swimmer, Jorg Woithe. Woithe, the Olympic 100 metres freestyle gold medal winner in Moscow in 1980 and world champion two years later, says in an interview with *Deutsche* ortsecho, published yesterday, that he turned down an offer to take drugs to enable him to swim not only the 50 metres, but swin not only the 50 metres, but the 100 and 200 as well, at the Seoul Olympics.

"They promised me foreign currency if I accepted," he said.

But he refused and did not take part in Seoul. Woithe names the heads of former East Germany's sports federation Manfred Ewald and Horst Roder, as organisers of the drugs ring. The former East German currency was not convertible into West-

Another top swimmer, Raik Hannemann, who recently failed to reach the qualifying standard for next year's world championships in Perth, Australia, has also admitted using

drugs.

He told the Berliner Kurier.

Will admit "Yes, I took drugs, I will admit to having experimented with several different substances because I wanted to benefit from the privileges of a champion, like a good appartment, a car and the chance to study."

On Monday, the German swimming coach. Jochen

Spilker, resigned after being accused of organising drug-taking by his team members. Spilker, who was responsible for the national women's 400 metoes squad, said in a letter to the national federation he was prepared to answer allegations made against him.

nity missed. Not only that: further setbacks have befallen Javed Miandad, their

brightest star, has been missing with atomach trouble, brought on, I dare say, by a shortage of runs. The question now is whether he can bring himself to play. Ijaz Ahmed, whose experience was going to be called on, has been hit in the face at the nets and put out of contention, Yesterday no two people agreed what should be done for the ply, a crisis of confidence.

Perhaps the greatest compliment paid to the West In-dians these days is the lengths to which their hosts will go to take the sting out of their fast

which the British can say "we are the best in the world". Water

skiing by disabled people is one

of them. The claim has to be qualified, however, by "at the moment", for although the idea

disabled water skiers emerged in

more water skiers in places like the United States and Australia.

water skiing for the disabled championships in 1987 and swept the board, an achieve-ment equalled in the 1989

Britain held the first world

bowlers. The trouble is that this is more easily planned than done. The Australians have managed it twice at Sydney and the Indians once at Madras, the West Indians being made, each time, to pay for their lack of

Now Pakistan are trying it, and whereas they were successful in the first Test they failed in the second. The pitch for tomorrow will have as much life in it as a piece of plasticine. That, anyway, is the intention. Harry Brind, the Oval groundsman here to advise on the preparation of "good cricket pitches", is preaching to the seemingly attentive but actually unconvertible.

Although, in Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis, Pakistan

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

No. 1 status under threat

Smith trains and teaches at

Heron Lake, near Staines, the headquarters of the British Dis-

abled Waterski Association (BDWA). The association has

around 200 members who enjoy special insurance which enables

them to enter competitions. Heron Lake boasts a new club-

house and is a centre of ex-

cellence for the sport, where

recruits can try water skiing in

safe conditions with proper

bowlers as they are ever likely to, they are still sufficiently in awe of Marshall, Walsh, Ambrose and Bishop not to fancy their chances of winning a slugging match. They are hoping instead that the swing, as dis-tinct from the speed, of Wasim and Wagar, supported by more authentic spin than West Indies possess, will do the trick. It is the idea that the ball should turn

Shameless though this may be, it undoubtedly makes for more interesting cricket than watching one side bat for two and a half days before the other does the same. This suil hap-pens, in fact, when the Indians are here, for fear of their being given the slightest chance of

winning a Test match. Pakistan 699 for five in reply to India's 509 were the final scores when the two sides met on this ground a year ago. In the next few days a total of 300 could prove a useful

Even so, I am not at all sure that Pakistan have got things right. If Abdul Qadir were in his prime it would be another matter. But he is not, although maiter. But he is not, although he will probably play. The other spinners in the reckoning — Mushtaq Ahmed (leg breaks), Akram Raza (off breaks) and Nadeem Ghauri (left-arm orthodox) — have played only five Test matches between them and about 15 to 15 shared six wickets at a cost of 68 runs apiece. Having pushed his luck by going into the second Test match with five virtual

the batting order, Imran, whose word usually prevails, is looking again to older hands. West Indies, on the other

including two in the first three in

hand, have worked out what is required of them, as pro-fessionals should. Brian Lara, a left-hander who has just made 139 in Sargodha, wins a first cap, Best being injured. In Trinidad in March Lara scored 134 against Graham Gooch's side, and innings of 1, 11, 6 and 7 in the first two Tests suggested that Best, even fit, might not have held his place.

I rather hope Pakistan win. Honourably achieved, it would be the best long-term result for Test cricket, though it no longer looks a highly likely one.

ATHELTICS

Charity pay-outs vie with unease

By DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT Harrington is concerned that

ALTHOUGH one of its longestserving board members may the marathon is run by two men resign through disenchantment who have strong commercial with the way the London Marainterests. Brasher is the chairthon is managed, money should speak louder than words at a meeting of governors today. Grants by the marathon to deserving causes are approaching the £1 million mark.

The chairman and Disley a director of Reebok (UK), the footwear firm given London Marathon official supplier rights by the Amateur Athletic Association from 1988 to 1991 because it made the

fillyd Harrington, whose name was associated with the marathon even before those of Inge Simonsen and Dick Beardsley, the first winners, said yesterday that he was considering his position on the board. "I don't think I can stay much longer with something which now reflects Wall Street more than ancient Greece," Harring-ton, a former leader of the

Greater London Council, said.
"I am worried by the way it is
run," Harrington said. "It seems
to have become a personal piece
of property of Brasher and
Disley," Chris Brasher, the race marathon to one of the best in the world and made it the modern classic of the British

tently shows a surplus which is given to the city," Brasher said. Elliott faces his old foe PETER Elliott has been pro- his great domestic rival, Steve

PETER Ellion has occur provided with an opportunity to avenge his European championship defeat by the 1,500 metres gold medal winner, Jens-Peter Herold, of East Germany. Herold, the man who won the blue riband title in Split while Elliott was embroiled in con-

troversy, was yesterday con-firmed as a challenger to the Yorkshireman in a 3,000 metres

grass track event in Durham on

Despite his mishap in the

semi-final of the 1.500 metres in Yugoslavia, Elliott is still the world's top middle distance man for the rest of his performances over the year at 800 metres, 1,500 metres and a mile. In Split, it was after being reinstated in the final following his fall in the heat - that he failed to finish - that Elliott December 29. Elliott won the missed out on the medals as equivalent race last year, from Herott annexed his first title.

BOWLS

By DAVID RHYS JONES

indoor singles championship a Coatbridge yesterday, though he had to work hard to shake off the attentions of David Miller, aged 23, a challenger from Cumbernauld.

Robertson, the only Scotsman to have won both the indoor and outdoor British singles titles, last week came through a world-class field to win the Hong Kong Classic pairs and singles cham-pionships. His dour approach befits a tax inspector with the Inland Revenue, and is not calculated to make him the most exciting competitor, but he has developed into one of the most consistent players in the world. Miller, who was a reserve for Scotland's outdoor team in July. was slow to start, but tested his more experienced opponent in the second set. Ultimately, how-ever, it was Robertson's ability to dictate the game through the accurate positroning of his opening deliveries that made the difference, and he got home, 7-2, 7-1

After a workmanlike win in the first set, Grant Knox, a gold medal winner in the 1986 Commonwealth Games, lost the initiative and dropped the sec-ond set in three ends to Blantyre's Jim McCann, who

gether and established a 6-3 lead

RESULTS: Semi-finals: G Robertson (East Lothkan) bt D Miller (Cumberhaud). 7-2, 7-4; J McCenn (Blantyre Monars Welfare) bt G Knox (West Lothian), 4-7, 7-0, 7-6.

championships in Australia. Now the sport is being taken seriously abroad and Britons will be hard-pressed to maintain their positions. Denise Smith.

from Farnborough, a quadraplegic who uses a sit-ski and is the best in her class in the world, notes that there were only six seated skiers in this year's British national championships compared to 70

THERE are not many sports of in the American equivalent.

because they are faced with a bosule environment."

instruction.

fidence." Smith said. "Instructors and students are always one to one. We give them a lot of physical support, so that they stav up the first time they try which means they don't get demoralised. It's very important that they trust their instructor

Once people have picked up the basics, they often continue

to ski with their local able-bodied club.

At Heron Lake no disability is seen as a barrier. "To take someone with very severe disabilities and get them water skiing is to provide them with exhibaration beyond their wildest imagining." Smith said.

"We concentrate on tech-nique, not power, to overcome problems of balance." The BDWA keeps a large cache of specialist equipment so skiers with no limbs, for example, can use the hydro slide, an adapted trick ski, with an automatic release rope system.

Money, as always, is the nugbear of the BDWA. The bugbear of the BDWA. The £70,000 for the newly completed clubhouse was raised through all-night water sking sessions. Smith herself skied across the channel. More money is needed to train and send the national squad to the United States to compete in next year's world

REAL TENNIS

Johnson plots subtle path to last eight

DAVID Johnson, the home professional, provided a subtle tactical display as he defeated the stylish Andrew Page to reach the quarter-finals of the George Wimpey British Open champ-ionship at the Queen's Club London, yesterday (Sally Jones

Page, who had earlier played some oustanding tennis to put out Nick Wood, the Hampton Court assistant professional, failed to kill the ball effectively against the fleet-footed Johnson, aged 40, whose retrieving and angled groundstrokes maintained a constant pressure.

Johnson now meets Lachlan Deuchar, the favourite and world No. 1, who had to work harder than expected for his straight sets victory against John Ward, the 50-year-old qualifier. RESULTS (G8 unless stated): First round: A Page bit N Wood 6-4, 6-5, 3-6, 6-5. Second round: L'Deputer Must bit J Ward 6-3, 6-2, 6-3; D Johnson bit A Page 6-4, 6-2, 6-0.

BRIDGE

Competition for Killarney beginning to hot up

By ALBERT DORMER

SIX places in Britain's open decided between Christmas and the new year. The women's squad is expected to be settled at the same time. The struggle for these places is of increasing

Under new World Bridge Federation rules, four teams from each Killarney series are due to go through to the Bermuda Bowl open event and the Venice Cup women's event in Yokahama, two more than Europe's previous quota. With

Killamey, the incentive to gain selection is strong.

Two British tournaments just played suggest that there will be few automatic choices. In the first heat of the national wom-en's teams at Newbury, the favourites lamped to victory.

The Sandra Landy team (Handley, Smith, Dunstan and Dunsby), all internationals, beat Christine Duckworth (Hayes, Sutcliffe and Tick), by 63 inter-national match points to 41, after trailing to the three-quarter

Landy is the chairman of the Brush Bridge League (BBL) Silverstone, comfortably ahead of Tony Forrester and Andrew Robson, the only pair in either

This was an impressive performance by the losers we performance by the losers who had vanquished a group of European championship hopefuls, captained by Dee Evans, in the semi-final.

The second heat of the national women's teams is at Harrogate this weekend, with a play-off between the two win-ners early in the new year. The BBL selectors can preen themselves over the Mr Bridge mark and then needing a slam all-star cash-prize event at the the H on a finesse to draw ahead. Young Chelsea club. It was won month. Ling cost 1.39 per sim cheap rate.

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series who can count solidly on selection for Killarney. Only a little earlier, the selec-

tors added Rose and Silverstone, together with John Hobson and Peter Crouch, to the short list for the trials. Forrester and Rubson can be sausfied with their performance, ahead of defending the Sunday

Times pairs, the world's most prestigious invitation event, at the Hyde Park Hotel next

Miller makes Robertson toil for victory

AS EXPECTED, Graham Rob-ertson, of East Lothian, reached the final of the CIS Scottish

was appearing in his first nat-ional semi-final. Having pulled himself to-

in the deciding set, Knox dropped four successive singles to McCann, whose play was notable more for gusto than finesse.

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13 3204 KISSAWOS 5 (B,D,F) N Catagrien 4-8-1 R Fox 5
14 1030 EVER RECKLESS 88J (B,C,D,F) O Thom 4-7-12
15 0000 TITE SPOT 22 (CD) N Tirreter 3-7-12 Remain (5) 2
16 0506 YUKOSAM 22 (CD,G,S) Ronald Thompson 3-7-12
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3 2203 DRUM SERGEANT 22 (BF) J Parkes 3-8-11

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Old Applejack can underline recovery of Johnson's string

By MANDARING MICHAEL PHILLIPS,

AFTER Area Code had won at Hexham last Thursday it was a mightily relieved Howard Johnson who returned to his home near Crook in County Durham, For that result, along with a good run by stable companion Slave Time earlier in the afternoon, was a clear indication that his string had recovered from a virus that has been wreaking havoc in his stable during the previous six weeks.

At Catterick Bridge today I will be looking to Old Apple-jack to provide further evidence that things are looking up by winning the Charles Vickery Memorial Cup over a course and distance which has already provided him with two of his 10 victories under Rules.

Last time out Old Applejack, who has the Grand trainer when he contests the National as his long-term objective, was, like most of his stable companions, a disappointment when he managed only fifth in the race won by Dalkey Sound at Kelso.

Before that, though, Old Applejack was a creditable third behind Celuc Shot and Kildimo in the Charlie Hall Chase at Wetherby, that after winning on the same Yorkshire track in October. Today his chance of defying top weight is best judged on those two performances.

12.45 Superetta.

Long handlesp: Tribute To Youth 9-12.

· runners)

1.15 Infinity Rules.

1.45 Fortunes Wood.

Richards: good prospects with Last 'O' The Bunch

Unlike Old Applejack, The Demon Barber, the representative of Gordon Richards' in-form stable, is far from certain on past form to see out

loday's imp. Bunch is a more likely winner for the successful Greystoke Bobby Faulkner Memorial Challenge Trophy. Although not in the same league as Sudden Victory over hurdles, he looks much more the type

to do well over fences. Also, he has shown form on the prevailing ground whereas Sudden Victory, who lost his way on the Flat this year, would prefer it much softer by landing a double for her father Bill on Haky (12.40)

Today's nap, though, is Blacksburg to win the Streetlam Novices' Hurdle following that narrow defeat at the

HUNTINGDON

Selections

By Mandarin

By Michael Seely

1.45 FORTUNES WOOD (nap). 2.15 Pragada.

12.45 MONTAGU CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HURDLE (£1,576: 2m 100yd) (8

BETTING: 6-5 Superetts, 15-8 Sao Paulo, 8-1 Illogical, 10-1 Fire Gold, 16-1 Gabardoon, 20-1 Week

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BETTING: 7-4 Tribute To Yourn, 5-2 Infinity Rules, 4-1 Mr Quick, 6-1 Wise Cracker, 8-7 Scient Lad. 1989; BULLY BOY 5-10-0 P Leech (9-1) W Brooks 3 ran

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3 SO PROUD 18 (Lord Wolverton) 5 Melior 5-11-0 B Person

5 STDRYBOOK 11 (Lady Cohen) N Henderson 5-11-0 J Kinsangh (5)

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BETTING: 4-6 Fortunes Wood, 5-1 So Proud, 5-1 Storybook, 10-1 Persuin Sword, 12-1 Come Line, Mandy's Tino, 25-1 others.

1969: M I BABE 4-10-9 R Seggan (16-1) Mrs i McKie 16 ran

FORM FOCUS FORTUNE'S WOOD and 3 out to beat the Arthur Rascal 71 at Lexester (2m, soit), who was the Strong Gold at Plumpton (2m 4f, good to fam) last December personal strong Gold at Plumpton (2m 4f, good to fam) last December personal strong Gold at Plumpton (2m 4f, good to fam) last December personal strong Gold at Plumpton (2m 4f, good to fam) last Strong Gold at Plumpton (2m 4f, good to f

1.45 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,887: 2m 100yd) (8 runners)

1.15 LONG SUTTON HANDICAP CHASE (22,406: 2m 200yd) (5 runners)

Going: good (chase course); good to firm (hurdles)

Southernair's win SOUTHWELL boosts Morgan

TOM Morgan's spirited fight to Riding winners like this is overcome the weight problem which threatens his career was rewarded with a victory on course specialist Southernair at Fontwell Park yesterday.

Morgan, the former stable jockey to Ross-on-Wye trainer John Edwards, is now riding as a freelance and seizing every opportunity his weight permits in both Britain and Ireland.

hands of Flight Hill over the

same course and distance nine

At Huntingdon, I expect to

see the EBF Novices' Hurdle

qualifier won by Fortunes Wood, who created a most

favourable impression on his

racecourse debut when he beat

The Artful Rascal by seven

It will also be surprising if

Pragada fails to win the Crowland Novices' Chase

having run that decent jumper

Aston Express so close at

As Prideaux Boy looks a shadow of his former self, Major Match should be able

to record his third victory at

Ludlow by winning the Tote Bookmakers Handicap Chase

before he retires into winter

As far as the Tote Credit Novices' Handicap Chase is

concerned, I think it advisable

to give Nougat Russe a chance

to atone after falling as early as

the second fence at Hereford a

week ago. Before that he was a

creditable second at Taunton

to Mandraki Shuffle, who was

also the eventual winner of

Finally, Emma O'Gorman

can show yet again what a

promising young rider she is

and Scottish Castle (2.10) on

that same race at Hereford.

Haydock a fortnight ago.

lengths at Leicester.

days ago.

quarters.

Southwell

2.15 Pragada. 2.45 Whats Your Problem.

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3.15 Ockley.

With Steve Smith Eccles and Richard Dunwoody unavailable to take the ride on seven times track winner Southernair in the Wally Coomes Handicap Chase, Morgan was the third choice. But the jockey, whose talents are greatly respected by his weigh-ing room colleagues, gave the Grand National prospect a fine ride to get the better of Breakfast Car by 11/2 lengths.

Making the 12 stone in this instance was no trouble, but the Irishman admitted: "I can do only 11st 21b at the moment, the weight is a big problem. It is a case of keeping up regular visits. Novices' Hurdle. The gelding to the sauna, and although it's a was always cantering and pulled struggle I'll win in the end and right away over the final two get back to my normal weight.

immensely encouraging.

I still ride out for John Edwards, and we have not fallen out, but he is making more use of Norman Williamson these days. I still hope to pick up rides

from the stable."
If the opportunity arose, Morgan would snap up the offer to ride Southernair at Aintree. Owner Stanley Powell believes his gelding is just the right type

for the Aintree fences. Old Virginia maintained his improvement with a 1% lengths win over Al Asoof in the Coomes Handicap Hurdle, to complete a 37-1 double for Dorset trainer Reg Akehurst, whose newcomer Haitham landed some befty bets in the Blackheath Novices' Hurdle.

Your Well, a former point-topointer in Ireland, surprised trainer Philip Hobbs with the ease of his 12 lengths win over The Antul Rascal, the 5favourte for the Greenwich

Wetherby objective for impressive Greenheart

GREENHEART will contest a fall from Fighting Finish in the

GREENHEART will contest the competitive Custleford Chase at Wetherby on December 27 after an easy 30 lengths victory over sole rival Merkleour in the Silver Blaze Handicap Chase at Newcastle yesterday.

Peter Niven, standing in for the injured Chris Grant, made every yard of the running and as the race warmed up so did Greenheart's fencing. Frank Scotto, the owner of Greenheart, said: "Waterloo Boy and Young Snugfit are in the Castleford but I am hopeful that mine will be a possible too."

a fall from Fighting Finish in the last race at Kelso on Monday. "I am badly bruised and very sore but hopefully I'll be back in a couple of days." Grant said.

Nigel Tinkler and Graham McCourt clinched a short-priced double with Rodeo Star was particularly impressive, and his comfortable 3½ lengths victory over Stagshaw Belle in the Hound Of The Baskervilles Novices Hurdle stamped him as a possible Cheltenham candidate.

Al Hashimi was backed from 6-1 to 7-2 with William Hills

possible too."

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Chns Grant, who had several
fancied rides at the meeting,
decided to stand down following
Cheltenham on Saturday.

the all-weather surface at

2.15 CROWLAND NOVICES CHASE (£2,065: 3m) (6 runners)
1 45000-2 ALCATRAZ 8 (B,F) (P Garner) J Ringer 5-10-10
1965: RIVA ROSE 6-11-1 M Primer (10-11 fav) Mrs J Pfemen 5 ran

FORM FOCUS ALCATRAZ engaged for the country of the

2.45 BISHOPS STORTFORD NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,119: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

1 FPS-212 WHATS YOUR PROBLEM 16 (BF,G) (Lord Vestey) Miss H Knight 7-12-0 G Upton (3) 98
2 FG1-512 MAJOR EFFORT 15 (CD,BF,F,G) (Mrs F Harvey) G Baiding 5-11-9 J Frost 52
3 Q/51PS-5 SENEGALAIS 12 (S) (S Tindail) S Mellor 6-11-3 M Perrett F FP2PP/8 PROVERBIAL INSCRIT 15 (B Robinson) J Spearing 7-10-10 R Genet 5 54-0/3 TRY ME NOW 46 (D,F) J Upson) J Upson 4-10-9 R Sepple 99
6 Q/3200-P PENSIONER PATCH 32 (F) (S Feern) J Gifford 8-10-6 R Guest 7 SP4/SPF- TOYTOWN 286 (Mrs P Resear) P Research 2-1 True May 10-10-10 R Guest 7 SP4/SPF- TOYTOWN 286 (Mrs P Research 2-1 True May 10-10-10 R Guest 7 SP4/SPF- TOYTOWN 286 (Mrs P Research 2-1 True May 10-10-10 R Guest 7 SP4/SPF- TOYTOWN 286 (Mrs P Research 2-1 True May 10-10-10 R Guest 7 SP4/SPF- TOYTOWN 286 (Mrs P Research 2-1 True May 10-10-10 R Guest 7 SP4/SPF- TOYTOWN 286 (Mrs P Research 2-1 True May 10-10-10 R Guest 7 SP4/SPF- TOYTOWN 286 (Mrs P Research 2-1 True May 10-10-10 R Guest 7 SP4/SPF- TOYTOWN 286 (Mrs P Research 2-1 True May 10-10-10 R Guest 7 SP4/SPF- TOYTOWN 286 (Mrs P Research 2-1 True Mrs 10-10-10 R Guest 7 SP4/SPF- TOYTOWN 286 (Mrs P Research 2-1 True Mrs 10-10-10 R Guest 7 SP4/SPF- TOYTOWN 286 (Mrs P Research 2-1 True Mrs 10-10-10 R Guest 7 SP4/SPF- TOYTOWN 286 (Mrs P Research 2-1 True Mrs 10-10-10 R Guest 7 SP4/SPF- TOYTOWN 286 (Mrs P Research 2-1 True Mrs 10-10-10 R Guest 7 SP4/SPF- TOYTOWN 286 (Mrs P Research 2-1 True Mrs 10-10-10 R Guest 7 SP4/SPF- TOYTOWN 286 (Mrs P Research 2-1 True Mrs 10-10-10 R Guest 7 SP4/SPF- TOYTOWN 286 (Mrs P Research 2-1 True Mrs 10-10-10 R Guest 7 SP4/SPF- TOYTOWN 286 (Mrs P Research 2-1 True Mrs 10-10-10 R Guest 7 SP4/SPF- TOYTOWN 286 (Mrs P Research 2-1 True Mrs 10-10-10 R Guest 7 SP4/SPF- TOYTOWN 286 (Mrs P Research 2-1 True Mrs 10-10-10 R Guest 7 SP4/SPF- TOYTOWN 286 (Mrs P Research 2-1 True Mrs 10-10-10 R Guest 7 SP4/SPF- TOYTOWN 286 (Mrs 10-10 SETTING: 7-4 What's Your Problem, 5-2 Major Effort, 3-1 Try Me Now, 6-1 Senegalais, 20-1 Proverbiel for 33-1 colors. 1989: LONDON WINDOWS 7-10-5 R Dunwoody (10-1) D Williams 7 ran

pushed buik to beat Royal Cracker 2%) race at bacour at Chepatow (2m 41, good it Towcester (2m 50yd, good). SEMEGALAIS 22: 5m to Officer Growler in con-Selection: WHATS YOUR PROBLEM

FORM FOCUS WHATS YOUR PROB-LEM one-paced 41 2nd to Mountain Man at Bangor (2m, soft). Faced 2nd to Mountain Man at Bangor (2m, soft). Faced 3nd to Mountain Man at Bangor (2m, soft). Faced 3nd to Mountain Man at Bangor (2m, soft). Faced 4nd 20 at Forstwell (2m 2f 110yd, good). MAJOR 12FFORT 128 2nd to Elais Boy in a handicap at Wolverhampton (2m 4f, good to firm). Previously handle last session included 7f 2nd to Tom, Trouped purposed but to best Boyst Cracker 28f) race at 1 bastour at Checktow (2m, 4f, cood to 5mm). Makes

3.15 TETWORTH HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,616: 2m 100yd) (11 runners) Long handlesp: Murhal 9-5, September Shap 8-9, Breeze Away Ben 7-0.
BETTHYC: 3-1 Bold Choics, 7-2 Ocidey, 4-1 Sand Castle, 6-1 King's Smert, Murhald Village, St Louis

1989: LIGHTWING WIND 6-10-4 A Adams (11-2) N Gassine 15 ran

FORM FOCUS SAND CASTLE complete in May when besting Boschenday Si (3m 11, good to Tirm).

PRIDE pulled up in rear, MURIFIELD VILLAGE creditable 10t 2nd to Dark Desire on penultimate start test term in novices hundle at Formwell (2m 2t, good to Tirm).

BOLD CHOCK has shown little form this season, compared with 41 2nd to ivore Guest at Ascot (2m, Rob), KORCYA SMART 25t 6th to The Wedget Man over course and distance (good), with MURIFIELD VILLAGE (4lb worse off) 3f 7th and GREENHILLS.

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Course specialists

TRAINERS Rides Per cent 11 27.3 23 21.7 98 21.4 48 15.2 112 15.2 41 14.6 J Frost J Osborne S Smith Eco M Penner R Rowe

1.45 CHARLES VICKERY MEMORIAL CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,684: 3m 1f 80yd) (6

CATTERICK BRIDGE

Selections By Mandarin

12.45 Longshoreman.

1.15 Now And Then. 1.45 Old Applejack.

2.15 Solitary Reaper. 2.45 Last 'O' The Bunch.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 12.45 LONGSHOREMAN.

UU		ood to firm RTON JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,800: 2m) (16 runners)	
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1.15 BROMPTON NOVICES HURDLE (Amateurs: £1,360: 3m 11 80yd) (10 runners)

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TRAINERS

Course specialists

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2 Q/240 DICK THE SPUDDLER 67 (D Drury) W Bendey 5-11-4 T Reed
3 6300(20- EBORNEEZ/ER'S DREAM 379 (P Lamyman) Mrs S Lamyman 7-11-4 D Tenter
4 P/1843-F PLODDER FSLD 11 (F.S) (A Taylor) B Wilsonson 7-11-4 B Storay
5 205110- LAST 'O' THE BUNCH 244 (F.G.S) (G Middlebrook) G Richards 6-11-4 N Deughty
C 4-504-2 DR TO CHAPT 14 (6.5) (Mrs H Bestie) J S Wilson 6-11-4 L What 1989: IN THE BREEZE 8-10-11 S Cunningham (25-1) T Cunningham 9 ran 3.15 STREETLAM NOVICES HURDLE (\$1,360; 2m) (9 runners)

BETTING: 13-8 The Demon Barber, 9-4 Old Applejack, 4-1 See You There, 7-1 Doronicum, 8-1 Bonnie 1989: THE WILK 10-11-10 C Grant W A Stephenson walked over 2.15 KIPLIN SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (21,842: 2m) (15 runners) BETTING: 4-1 Fiery Sun, 6-1 Mouradable, 7-1 Chental Express, King's Crusade, 8-1 Penliyne's Pride, Cougar, Yopson, 10-1 Solitary Reaper, Ivorocki, Ferfield Lad, 14-1 Nauncel Belle, 25-1 others. 1889: CLIPPERS DREAM 6-11-5 M Hill (14-1) J Jefferson 18 ran 245 BOBBY FAULKNER MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY (Novices chase: £2,329: BETTHO: 2-1 Lest 'O' The Bunch, 7-2 Sudden Victory, 5-1 Lingham Magrc, 7-1 Pr. Pony, 8-1 Flodden Field, 10-1 Well You There, 14-1 others. M Dwyer # 99 N Doughty — W Dwas (7) — 5 39-3 MERRY MASTER 19 (F) (6 Lensbury) R Ammyage 6-11-0 Ges Anthytage 89 7 2/8 PERFECTLY POSSIBLE 11 (B) (Quest Deeps Print Ltd) R Eatrishaw 5-11-0 L Wyer 8 513 THE YANK 56 (BF,F) (R Cew and Co-Fax Ltd) M Hammond 4-11-0 D Sentiny (7) 9 0-70 APPLE PIP 11 (Mrs S Lemynson) Mrs S Lamyman 4-10-8 D Sentiny (7) 9 0-70 APPLE PIP 11 (Mrs S Lemynson) Mrs S Lamyman 4-10-8 D Sentiny (7) 10-1 Hallborough, Jaka Morgan, 25-1 Others.

1989: SKOLERN 5-11-0 C Hawluns (16-1) Mrs P Barker 21 ran

Selections

morant Creek. 1.40 Access Holidays. 2.10 Scott-ish Castle. 2.40 Drum Sergeant. 3.10 Suivez Moi. Michael Seely's selection: 12.40 Haky.

Going: standard

Draw: 61-71, low numbers best

11 8004 QUICK RANSOM 6 M Johnston 9-0 _____ R P Eliot 1 12 2322 RICHAROND 22 (8,8F) J Washington 9-0

5-4 Haky, 100-30 High Grade, 4-1 Cuick Ranson 5-1 Richmond, 8-1 Just John, 10-1 Paint The Lify, 14-1 orders.

1 9-20 SHARPER BLUE 25 P Malon 3-10-0 T Sprake (5) 14 2 1633 CORMORANT CREEK 13 (BF,Q) 8 Hd9 3-9-12

12 6360 KOLINEKY 56 (D.F.O) M Chapman 4-8-... 5 Berner 11 13 8004 MYFONTABLE 15 (D.G) K hory 3-8-5... Date Gapon 7 14 6-24 PRECOUS BALLERINA 237 J Herneron 5-8-5

TRAINERS: P Makin, 4 winners from 10 runners, 40.0%; T Barron, 25 from 80, 31.3%; WO Gormen, 7 from 26, 26.5%, M W Easterby, 8 from 45, 17.5%; R Hannon, 4 from 24, 16.7%; C Trinder, 6 from 39, 15.4%.

JOCKEYS: Alex Greaves, 26 winners from 67 rides, 38.8%; Enema O'Gorman, 6 from 17, 35.3%; C Hodgson, 3 from 17, 17.6%; M Hills, 3 from 19, 16.8%; B Crossley, 7 from 48, 15.2%; G Carter, 16 from 109, 14.7%.

By Mandarin

12.10 Stoneleigh Abbey, 12.40 Haky, 1.10 Cor-

12.10 KING LEAR CLAIMING STAXES (Div 1: 2-Y-O:

12.40 INTERNATIONAL ANTIQUE & COLLECTORS FAIR MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: \$2,658; 1m)

Z 2322 RICHMOND 22 (8,87) J Washingst 9-2
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Codd Western ACE 15 (87) J E.szzon 9-0 ... W Ryan 6
4 PAINT THE LILY 29 (87) P Malun 8-9 . T Sprake (5) 10
SLEPALIOM W Corner 8-9 ... J Carrol 4
1 Q VANDA'S GREL 5 A Rainy 8-8 G Center 9
SLEPALIOM W Corner 8-9
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1.10 KING HENRY VI HANDICAP (£2,406: 1m 31)

11-4 Cormorant Creek, 100-30 Best Effort, 9-2 Tristionum Express Account, Norquey, 8-1 Tempering, 10-1 others.

8 4025 DANCING SEMSATION 13 (F) J Hais 3-9-6..... R Hais 19 0035 TRISTIORUM 15 (B) J Ethennyton 3-9-6.... Paul Eddeny 2 10 0443 REST EFFORT 28 M Naughton 4-8-13.... Paul Eddeny 2 2520 EASY PURCHASE 43 D Hayon Jones 3-8-11

Course specialists

3.10 WINTERS TALE HANDICAP (£2.553: 2m) (18)

14 3000 MR TAYLOR 28 (F) H Collegradge 5-7-11 ... J Celter 5 10 5 000- JUST PILLANAI 227 G Hulfer 5-7-11 ... L Newton (5) 9 16 0004 GOLDEN ISLE 13J (F) B Curey 6-7-7 ... D D'ARCY (7) 5 17 2006 MISSISSIPPI BEAT 15 (V) M Neugrison 3-7-7

18 Q/G- STRING PLAYER 295J (F,Q) F Lee 8-7-7 M Wright (7) 2 4-1 Northwold Star. 9-2 Brigadier Still, 5-1 Chronological, 6-1 Europon, 6-1 Old Hubert, 6-1 Golden Isle, 10-1 others.

LUDLOW

Selections

By Mandarin 12.30 Tinas Lad. 1.0 Major Match. 1.30 Damart. 2.0 Nougat Russe. 2.30 Avonmouthsecretary. 3.0

Going: good to firm (firm patches) 12.30 STOKESAY NOVICES CHASE (£2,654: 2m 4f)

1 PP2 CASSIO MAGIC 13 J Speering 5-11-0 ... R Bellemy (3) 2 P-00 HANSEL S RUN 5 Miss E Sneyd 9-11-0 If Device 3 B-48 KAMEO STYLE 16 (F.G.S) FJ Jordan 7-11-0 J Lodder 4 85-0 SMCOGER TABLE 21 (F.G.) K White 7-11-0 ... A Charlish 5 FS5 TRAS LAD 100F (F.G.) J Edwards 7-11-0 D Togs 6 PP0U MEESON GANCER 13 P Anderson 5-10-9 T Wall 11-10 Tines Ltd., 7-2 Karpto Style, 9-2 Casino Magio, 6-1 Snooker Table, 10-1 others.

1.0 TOTE BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,721: 2m) (5) 1 -322 PREDEAUX BOY 41 (D.F.G.II) C Roach 12-12-0 J Shorts 2 311- MARKET LEADER 257 (CD.F.G) R Lee 10-11-2

\$ 1423 MAJOR MATCH 19 (C.F.O.S) T Forsion 5 11-2 If Device 4 S-22 FARE LOVE 15 (C.D.F.G) Mrs 5 Johnson 11-10-6 A Juckes (5) G-P TO ASTERS 12 (6) Miss J Horwood 9-10-0 V Statesy (7) 13-5 Prideaux Boy, 5-2 Mariet Leader, 4-1 Major Match, 6-1 Fare Love, 10-1 To Asterl.

1.30 WISTANSTOW SELLING HURDLE (£1,545: 2m) (11)

SALLYS WON 41F R Curis 5-11-0.

A Tory (3)

SALLYS WON 41F R Curis 5-11-0... R Goldstein 7

8-02 SHELLYS FOLLY 7 Mrs G Jones 5-11-0... M M Lynch 19 30-P WOODLANDS GREY 45 P Prichard 4-11-0... A Webb 19 40 BALLYJAUGHAN LABY 18 B Paleng 4-10-9... C Evans 19 7/ BALTABA 435F B Webb 5-10-9... M M M Harris (7) 8-00 TUFOLI 6 D Tucker 6-10-9... P Devices (7) 5-2 Damart, 7-2 Shelty's Polly, 4-1 Polder, 5-1 Caernary Royal, 8-1 Occamist, 10-1 others.

Blinkered first time SOUTHWELL: 12.10 Beismo, Lady Scotfield. 1.40 Stately March. 2.10 Scottst: Carde.

2.0 TOTE CREDIT NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE 1 -F60 A LAD RISANE 20 (F) K Belley 9-11-10........ A Tory (3) 2 -841 RONANS BURTHDAY 5 (S) Mrs S Oliver 8-11-10 (Bes) 3 F-12 RIDIAN CRUSS 11 (SF,F) N Henderson 5-11-9 J White 4 -P2U NOUGAT RUSSE 7 N Twiston-Davies 9-11-9 5 -4F5 BRASSEYS COPSE 12 Miss J Horwood 11-11-3

9-4 Indian Cruise, 7-2 Ronana Burinday, 4-1 Nouget Ru 6-1 A Lad Insane, 8-1 others.

2.30 RADIO SHROPSHIRE STAYERS HANDICAP 1 1922 DESERT PALM 6 (BF,F,G) R Hodges 5-11-10 A Tory (3)
2 441F AVONSOUTHSECRETARY 7 (P) R Hodge 4-11-4
M Mann (3)
3 -346 SPRING FORWARD 25 (V,F) R Pagacick 6-11-2
R Bellumy (5) 4 8-26 CADFORD CHRL 18 (F.5) W Turner 5-11-1 M Device 5 /PS MARSHAL BLAKE 29 (F) Miss S Wilton 7-11-0 5 Covice (3)

5 S-DS BOLSHOF BOY 18 (F) Mrs S Criver 6-10-10 7 4056 TREPAL MASCOT 20 (BLF) D Gendorto 5-10-9. J White 8 P-04 WHEAL PROSPER 11 C Roach 5-10-8. J Shorts 10 60-8 BEJAYJAY 15 (S) P Cowley 5-10-4 B Portal (7)
11 BEGS ROUTE MARCH 29 (S) P Principal 11-10-0 A Webb

3-1 Desert Paim, 7-2 Boishot Boy, 4-1 Avonation tary, 6-1 Spring Forward, 8-1 others. 3.0 BIRCHER NOVICES HURDLE (21,360: 2m 5f)

1-2 Rocktor, 4-1 Humdscole, 7-1 Led Lane, 10-1 Leading Supplier, 12-1 Wrekin Pearl, 14-1 others.

Course specialists TRABERS: Mrs S Johnson, 3 wonners from 4 runners, 75 J04; N Henderson, 8 from 26, 30.8%; T Forster, 18 from 74, 24,3%; R Lee. 9 from 44, 20.5%; J Edwards, 17 from 87, 19,5%; D Gandolto, 10 from 54, 18.5%; Decision 20,7%; M Devices JOCKEYS, J Lodder, 6 winners from 25 ndes, 20,7%; H Davies, 15 from 80, 20,0%; J White, 4 from 23, 17,4%; W McFahand, 5 from 39, 12,8%; D Tegg, 5 from 45, 12,2%, (Only qualifiers).

Results from yesterday's three meetings

Fontwell Park

Geing: good to firm (chases course); good (hurdes) good (hurdes)
12.45 (2m 2f 110yd ch) 1, TRAVAIL.
GRL (R Betamy, 11-4 fav); 2,
Saliterfield (D Madqwick, 100-30); 3,
Pelmersten Boy (G Upton, 10-1), ALSO
RAN: 100-30 Massier Vince (f), 51 Gebrel
(rd), 25 Xylophone (4th), 40 Bethwest
(5th), 50 Respite (6th), 8 ran, NR: Spring
Wedding, 51, 20, 61, 25i, dat, G Ham at
Authridge, Tote: 24-30; £1.10, £1.40,
£1.90, 0F: £5.90, CSF: £1.52, No bid.

GRRL (R Betlamy, 11-4 fav); 2, Solitherfield (D Madgheick, 100-30); 3, Peinterston Boy (G Upton, 10-1), ALSO RAN: 100-30 Master Vince (I), Si Gabrel (ref), 25 Xylophone (4th), 40 Bellywest (5th), 50 Respate (6th), 40 Bellywest (5th), 50 Respate (6th), 60 Bellywest (5th), 50 Respate (6th), 61 Bellywest (5th), 50 Respate (6th), 61 Bellywest (5th), 50 Respate (6th), 61 Bellywest (5th), 61 Bellywest (6th), 62 Bellywest (6th), 61 Bellywest (6th), 62 Bellywest (6th), 61 Bellywe

224.51.

1.45 (2m 2' holie) 1, OLD VIRGINIA (I. Harvey, 15-2); 2, Al Associ (M Richards, 8-1); 3, Wishlon (I. Dace, 7-2), ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav Hard As Iron (4m), 13-2 Vagador (8m), Trae Poopy, 25 Good Cause, 50 Nastell (5th), 66 Thomfield, 9 ran, NR: City Index, Reeding, 15/1, shi nd, 31/1, 3/1, 4/2, A Akehusta at Whitcombe, Tota: £5.10; £1.20, £1.90, £1.80, DF: £25.50, CSF: £61.20, Tricast £228.71. 2.15 (2m 2f 110yd cr) 1, SOUTHERNARR (T Morgen, 5-1); 2, Breakfast Car (H Davies, 11-4); 3, Never A Penny (R Guest, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 15-8 lev Vincanto (4th). 4 Broad Beem (5th). 5 ray Vincanto (4th). 4 Broad Beem (5th). 5 Royston. Tole: £6.30; £2.50, £1.50, DF; £6.20. CSF; £1.31. After a stewards' enguery the result good. enquiry the result stood.

CONSEDY (S HOUSE SHOOL)

2.45 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, MASTER
CONSEDY (S Hodgson, 13-8 fav); 2, Trysmphant Lad (H Davies, 100-30f; 3,
Matte Mis Flyer (M Kirans, 7-4), ALSO
RAN: 10 Kellys Pal (pu), 33 Gex (4m), 5
ran, NR: Daybrook Verb. 71, 151, dist.
Miss L Bover at Alresford. Tore: \$2.40;
E1.50, £1.80. DF: £4.80. CSF: £6.82. 21.50, £1.80. DF: £4.60. CSF: £6.62.

3.15 (2m 6f hdie) 1, YOUR WELL (Mr B Cafford, 12-1); 2. The Arthit Passcal (R Rowe, 5-4 fav); 3, Ashfield Boy (Mr P Schotfield, 4-1). ALSO FAN: 6 Lams Prde (5th), Puld Puld (4th), 8 Orangey, 12 Joker Jack, 16 Frans Girl (5th), 20 Ryton Run, 33 Finel Top. 50 Country Line, Crossland Lesure (pul, Salvager (pul, Thundenwood (pul, 14 ran, 12l, 25l, 7l, 2l, hd. P Hobbs at Minehead, Tote: £23.60; £530. £1.60, £2.00. DF: £22.10. CSF: 530. £1.60. £2.00. DF: £22.10. CSF: 15.30, \$1.60, £2.00, DF: £22.10, CSF: £28.99. Placepot: 297.10.

Newcastle Going: good (good to firm in places)

1.0 (3m ch) 1. BRIG'S GAZELLE (N. Agents. 14-1); 2. Decent Main (11-1); 3. Smith, 16-1); 2. Homening Lad IJ Gee Dr. (50-1). Multich Brae 6-11 fav. 8 O'Gorman, 9-1); 3. Builet Train (R. ran. NA: Petrico. 21. 3h L. N. Gasekse.

Stronge, 8-1), ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Stave Time (6th), 3 Bluco (4th), 6 Ah Jam Lad (f), 8 Traumatic Laura (50h), 33 Habo Fountaun, 8 ran, NR; Earnworth, Sloshed, 3, 8, 201, 12, 81, 1 Park at Eagleschife, Totas: £21,30; £42,0 £2,50, £1,70. DF; £89,70. CSF; £121,49.

(1st or 2nd with any boner). CSF: £109.63.

2.0 (2m 41 hdie) 1. TRANQUIL WATERS (G McCourt, 4-9 fev); 2. Que Bella (G Storey, 14-1); 3. Dencing Days (N Smith, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 25 Bishopsford, 33 hidd Bindges (2m). If in A Miss (5th), 50 Sky Watcher (4th). 7 ran. NF: Argudizatre, 121, 71, 51, rk, 41, N Tinkher at Matton, Tota: £1.40; £1.20, £2.80. DF: £4.20. CSF: £7.24.

2.30 (2m hdie) 1, LOGAMMERO (A Orunsy, 12-1); 2. Al Stemmitch (J J Cudin, 33-1); 3. Date Park (G McCourt, 4-1 fav), ALSO RAN: 9-2 Stay Awake, Steppey Lane (4th), Sholern (5th), 11-2 Lip-A-Pont, 14 Aincan Spiril (6th), 20 Beldine, Great Law, 33 ink Spiesh, 11 ran Hd. 3; 11-1, 10, 23-1 J Helens at Chester Lo Street, Tota, £13.10-£2-40, £5 00, £1.70. DF: £5.90 (1st of 2nd with any other). CSF: £255.46, Tricast: £1,675.21.

3.0 (2m ch) 1, GREENHEART (P Niven. 3.0 (2m ch) 1. GREENHEART (P Niven. 8-13 lay); 2, Melkiaeur (M Cwysr, 6-4); 2 ran. 30l. W A Stephenson at Bishop Auckland, Total \$1.40.

Auckand, Tote: \$1.40.

3.30 (3m ndfe) 1, CHOICE CHALLANGE (I. Wyer, 4-7 hay; 2, He Who Dares Wine (Mr K Johnson, 12-1); 3, Off The Bru (Mr J Bradburne, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Flying Solo (6th), 25 Flying Loo, 50 Montaz Dancer (4th), Zem's Save (5th), 100 Always Flat Broke (pu), 200 Primrosehili Lass (pu), 9 mn. NR. King Spring, 101, 34, 121, rd, 301 M Hammond at Micocalam. Tote: £1 60, £1.10, £2.40, £3.20. DF: £10.50. CSF: £7.73. Piecepot: £75.70

Leicester

Going: good (chases course); good to soft (hurdles). soft (fuzídes).

12.30 (2m hole) 1, Kino (J Osborne, 7-1); 2, Swie (7-1); 3, Immeid Lass (12-1).

Tara's Delight 9-4 fav. 16 ran. NR: Easy Buck, Mr Mocasin. 4I, 21, 5 Shenwood. Tone: 53.40; 21.50. \$4.60, 63.70. DF: \$11.50. CSF: \$257.77.

1.0 (2m hole) 1, Adeline Lynn (S Remardson, 5-2); 2, Clos Du Bois (6-1); 3, Deciding Bid (9-1), Lady Primrose 2-1 fav. 9 ran. Sh hd, 21, N Tinkler. Tota: 23.60; \$1.10, £1.70, £2.20. DF: £6.90. CSF: £77.55.

1.35 (2m 4f ch) 1, Forest Rain (4)

23150. CSF: £730.68. 2.0 (3m ch) 1. Hasty Diver (C Llewellyn, 8-1): 2. Grovstends (8-1): 3. Countre Coor (8-1). Permoc 6-4 hav. 1.2 mh. 8, 1°:1. J Old. Tote: £13.90; £2.70, £2.30, £3.70. DF: £47.00. CSF: £68.79. Tricast: £493.56 2.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, Cerdinal Reiph (R Durwoody, 5-2), 2, Cetapaez (5-8 fav); 3, Creeger (5-1), 5 ran. Nk, 1%!, J Griford, Total: 23.20; £1.10, £1.60. DF: £2.80, CSF: £4.66. CSF: 24.95.
3.0 (2m 41 hdie) 1, Charite Dicidine (C Lieuwshin, 9-1): 2, Tarkovsky (13-2): 3, Indiamu (33-1): 4, The Peoparazi (11-2 jr-fav). Officer Growier 11-2 jr-fav, 18 rsn. 11-1, 8. S Meitor, Tote: 113 80; 53.60, 51.50, 51.60, 55.30. DF: 226.10. CSF: 569.15. Theast: 51728.94

Piggott banned for four days

LESTER Piggott was suspended for four days yesterday after being adjudged to have made insufficent effort on the Andre Fabre-trained filly Lady Isis, just under five lengths third in the Prix Cheric Notice at Saint-Cloud yesterday (Our French Racing Correspondent writes).

Piggott will begin his suspension on December 12, which means he will miss the allweather meetings at Southwell on December 13 and Lingfield Park on December 15.

He was also in action in the Prix Prompt on the John Hammond-trained Almendares but could finish only fifth.



SPORT

Robson back in the England fold

appeared for Manchester United since damaging his Achilles tendon during the World Cup finals last sum-mer, is to make his comeback as the captain of the England B football team in Algeria on

Tuesday. Manchester United a He will return in a role that for England as well." promises to extend his career for club and country. Graham Taylor, in announcing the squad yesterday, revealed that Robson is certain to be chosen "at the back". Whether he acts as a conventional sweeper, as one of the three central

By RICHARD EVANS

THE Aga Khan stunned the

world of racing yesterday by announcing that he will cease

to have horses trained or raced

in Britain until the Jockey

Club improves its controver-

overturned because of drugs.

with Michael Stoute and Luca

moved to other trainers em-

ployed by the Aga in France,

Ireland and the United States.

was disqualified after the

Jockey Club decided that the

source of 3-hydroxycamphor

sample was camphor, a prohibited substance, and not

borneol, found in feedstuffs

and bedding, as shown by an

international team of scien-

tific experts hired by the Aga.

The Aga, who has success-

fully challenged positive tests

for illegal medication in his

Aliysa, owned by the Aga,

By STUART JONES four has yet to be determined.
When Taylor first took over from Bobby Robson as the national manager, he told Bryan Robson that he no longer expected him to cover the area between the respective penalty areas. "I don't think he can do that two or three times a week for Manchester United and do it

After collecting 87 caps in midfield, Robson is to take a step backwards and, in Tay-lor's opinion, the move could usher the England captain towards one of his principal ambitions, A century of appearances, which might defenders, or as the guard have been out of reach, is a patrolling in front of the back more realistic target for a have been out of reach, is a

Aga Khan pulls

his horses out

of British racing

(THE AGA KHAN)

Prince Karim Aga Khan IV

Born: December 13, 1936.
Racing colours: Green, red epaulets.

player who will celebrate his 34th birthday in January. An Achilles tendon injury inevitably endangers anyone's career. Neil Webb, another

victim, who is included in spite of being dropped re-cently by United, can confirm how debilitating the effects can be for any player, young or Robson's brief contribution

at the end of his own testimomal game a fortnight ago indicated that his rehabilitation could be complete. In recognising the part that Rob-son has played for England over the last decade, Taylor is, in turn, ready to help him on his road to recovery.

hydroxycamphor could come from other substances includ-

Professor Donald Davies,

the head of biochemical

pharmacology at the Univer-

sity of London, said that it was

"totally unacceptable scientifically" to use a test for camphor which relied on a single metabolite. The test was

About one in 100 HFL

camphor tests ends in a pos-

itive result, which was "astronomically" high com-pared to normal drug test

results of one in 1,000 or one

in 2,000, Dr Gary Henderson,

an assistant professor at the University of California, said.

Dr Martha Harkey, a re-search pharmacologist also from the University of

California, said that they had

proved 3-hydroxycamphor

was found in the urine of

horses which had not come

into contact with any campbor

containing compounds. It was

also a by-product of Borneol, a

naturally occurring com-pound, found in hay, carrots

But the most scientifically

damaging assault on the HFL

and the Jockey Club came

from Professor Robert Masse,

the associate director of the

Canadian Centre for Dopin

Control, who said that Bor-

and woodshavings.

ing Borneol

mances, he has shown how much desire he has to play for his country. His 87th shirt meant as much to him as his first. I know he would dearly love to get 100 caps and I owe it to him to give him this chance. England owes it to

"He is deeply passionate about coming back. I spoke to Alex Ferguson and he agreed that it was more worthwhile for Bryan to be playing in Algeria rather than for United's reserves. Besides, it will give me an opportunity to spend a few days with him." Taylor indicated that, if all

THE Aga Khan decided to

withdraw his horses from

training in Britain "many

weeks" before Aliysa was dis-

qualified 13 days ago from

winning the 1989 Oaks. The

leading owner-breeder said

yesterday that he had finally

lost patience with the way

handle equine drug testing

when the Jockey Club disci-

plinary committee began to bear scientific evidence in

"The reason was I had

sufficient evidence of the ap-

Vayrann case, from the re-

search we had done on other

camphor cases called positive

by the Horseracing Forensic

Laboratory and what was being done in the Aliysa case

for me to come to the conclu-

sion that the whole approach

in October effectively capped

the issue. At that point there

hearing had ruled in favour of

the Aga and his classic-win-

ning filly, he would still have

pulled out of British racing in

protest at what he considers to

be the unsatisfactory scientific

management of drug testing horses in Britain. He con-

sulted close friends and col-

leagues before finally taking a

decision which will have

repercussions from racing's

corridors of power to the

said. "One trainer knew and

the other one was informed

indirectly. I discussed the

decision with my own people

because I don't want to under-

state the consequences that

this has on my own activities.

"I can't name names." he

stables, studs and tracks.

Even if the Jockey Club

The first scientific hearing

was simply not tolerable.

woach to science from the

October.

Britain's racing authorities affected by Britain; its quality

why Bryan can't." The occasion in North Afgoes well at the Olympic rica has gained special signifiTissier are exciting forwards, cance which goes beyond he will probably examine Stadium in Algiers next week,

Wembley.

against Cameroon in Feb-

England resume their compet-

itive programme when they meet the Republic of Ireland

in the European Champ-

ionship qualifying tie at

Indeed, the England man-

ager can foresee Robson pursuing his international

career as far ahead as the World Cup finals of 1994.

"Every so often, one player goes on until he is 37 or 38 and

does not look any the worse

for it. I don't see any reason

his experience and his instinctive ability to read the game. could yet become as influenwas in midfield. Ferguson is likely to share the view held by

TheEngland manager stressed that next week's match represents a genuine opening for others to stake their claim for promotion. This is not just a reward for a good League career but a chance to look at players who could compete against those in the senior side." Although Tony Daley, Ian

Wright and Matthew Le Tissier are exciting forwards.

entimentality. Robson, with more closely the merits of the defensive members of the side. The individual display of Robson should not necessarily be regarded as the only one which could shape Taylor's

which could shape raylors plans next year.

ENGLAND B SOUAD: N Martyn (Crystel Palace). M Stowed (Wolverhampton Wanderers), J Latic (Leets United), B Laws (Notingham Forest), M Starfand (Leets United), B Bureaus (Liverpool), G Ablett (Liverpool), G Rasbbutt (Totterham Hotspur), G Pallieter (Manchester United), B Robbot (Manchester United), D Surty

the time British racing should

not be subjected to speculative

science, to approximations.

When you call a positive on an

Olympic runner, the con-

sequences of that are immense

and you cannot be allowed to

"On the Vayrann case they

were wrong; we believe on the

Aliysa case they are wrong.

They are quite simply wrong

and that is the nature of the

issue. You have no scientific

redress: an appeal procedure

to the same people and it is to

the same profile of non-expert.

come to grips with this area of

its management which for the health of racing, for the good

of racing, has got to be brought up to international standards.

It has got to be seen to be up to

international standards and it

has to be tested independently

and regularly up to inter-

Last night the team of

scientific experts from around

the world who flew to London

yesterday to say why the

Jockey Club had got the Aliysa

case badly wrong, began to return home. They have

staked their reputations on the

bydroxycamphor found in

Aliysa after she won the Oaks

was more likely to have come

from woodshavings or other

The evidence they produced

and the drastic action taken by

the Aga Khan once again

brings the Jockey Club's reputation under scrutiny.

The evidence offered yes-

terday by the experts on drug

testing suggests that the

Jockey Club may have made a

discuss their ideas, the com-

natural products rather than

claim that the

national standards.

"The Jockey Club has not

make a mistake.

Concern over Games venue

By CHRIS MOORE

A SPOKESMAN for the Brit. ish Olympic Association (BOA) yesterday voiced concern about the choice of Albertville, France, as the site for the 1992 Winter Games. Caroline Searle, the public affairs director for the BOA, said: "The logistics, in particular, are causing us a real headache. It's going to be a horrendous exercise. At the moment, we are resigned to just trying to make the best out of what is clearly going to be a very bad job. Events are being spread so far and wide it's going to be more like a series of world championships

than an Olympic Games." The main problem will be travelling to and from each event. "There is little or no possibility of being able to move around on a daily basis," Searle said. "There's no main Olympic Village as such because most of the events are being staged out of Albertville in different valleys. There's only one way in and the same way out. It will be impossible to get from one resort to another the same day."

To add to the problem, none of the local skiing resons are being closed to the public during the Games.

"It all spells disaster," Searle said. "The competitors are going to be so far apart there'll be no feeling of being together which was the feature of the last Winter Games in Calgary. Apart from the bobsleigh and the luge using the same track, only two other disciplines are planned for the same venue.

Remains

Police Woe

desidie signs

"They're even holding the men's and women's downhill races on different courses twoand-a-half to three hours' journey-time apart. The crosscountry skiing and biathlon are also at separate resorts. It's going to be a nightmare for the media."

MacIntyre suffers a capsize

BY BARRY MCKTHALL

IN ANOTHER day of high drama in the southern ocean the 20-strong fleet of solo ski pers competing in the BOC Challenge, the round the world yacht race, reported 60-knot winds, icebergs and one capsize

yesterday.

As John Martin's South African yacht, Allied Bank, extended her lead to more than 260 miles over David Adams of Australia, aboard Innkeeper, & low Australian Don McIntyre reported that he had suffered a capsize overnight. Last week end, his 50ft-yacht Sponsor Wanted hit a whale, but he was maintaining a course toward Australia at 5.4 knots, which

suggests that all is well. Later John Martin reported that the 60-knot following conditions he was experience down at 52 S were "the stronge winds and biggest seas I have seen on this trip". Driving through intensely cold con ditions, he reported seeing his

first iceberg on Monday.

Josh Hall, of Britain, who has repaired the faulty generator on his 50ft New Spirit of Inswich regained second place yeste from Jack American who was struggling to

better 2.5 knots.
In the Corinthian class, Robin Davie, from Cornwall, sailing the smallest yacht, continues to lead, but Paul Thackabeny moved into second place and is 31 miles astern of the Briton.

31 miles astern of the Briton.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 12.00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Sydney): Class 1: 1, Aliced Bank (J Marm, SA) 3.70 miles.

2. Innisesper (D Adems. Aud) 3.952.3. General Concord (A Gautier, Fr) 4.055.5. Cradit Agnobe (P Jeano). Fr) 4.055.5. Cradit Agnobe (P Jeano). Fr) 4.055.5. Cradit Agnobe (P Jeano). Fr) 4.055.5. Jarken (K Birries, Aue) 4.147.7. Durissif (A Pient, US) 4.1817.8. Ecureni PC (A Autissier, Fr) 4.199.9. BBV Expo 92 (Jugane, Sp) 4.269.1. General PC (A Autissier, Fr) 4.199.9. BBV Expo 92 (Jugane, Sp) 4.269.1. General PC (B Jeano). Fr) 4.214.2. New Spirit (J Harl, GB) 4.370.3. Project City Kids (J Boye, US) 4.455.4. Sponsor Wanted (D Michityre, Aus) 4.489.5. Kodin (Y Tada, Japan) 4.671; 6, Sebago (H Roth, US) 4.998. Controller class 1. Global Exposure (R Deve, GB) 4.883.2. Volcano (P Thackaberry, US) 4.948; 3. Milles (R Hooke, USA) 4.749; 4. Shusendoln) (M Sano, Jepen) 4.843.

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Warwickshire's annual meet-

ing after the resignation last month of Bob Cottam, the

county's coach. Protest meet-

Meeting with RFU does

The England captain was expected to clear up queries on a payment to him, which he passed to a charity, but neither the player nor the On line to serve you RFU believes any more will be heard of the affair.

By RICHARD STREETON responsibilities. WARWICKSHIRE, among the unhappiest and most res-tive of county cricket clubs, have ensured a return to stormy waters by dismissing Bob Evans, their chairman, and Peter Bromage, chairman

The thoroughbred industry in made to cleanse that stigma.

financial sub-committee. Neither Evans nor Bromage, who is also chairman of the Test and County Cricket Board's disciplinary committee and treasurer of the Rugby Football Union, was present when an emergency meeting of the club's general committee decided to in Yorkshire, it prompted

of the general purposes and

submission by the two men of four controversial resolutions last weekend for the annual meeting on February 18. The resolutions, tabled on the last possible date, included pro-

Thoughts abroad: the Aga Khan in reflective mood yesterday after his decision to withdraw from Britain

Sorry to go, afraid to stay

The Aga Khan tells

Richard Evans why

has withdrawn from

British racing

western Europe is centrally

of racing, its commercial

dimensions, the professionals

who work within it and its

media, which in western Euro-

taken lightly and it is not a

decision taken happily. But I

have to weigh that against the

level of risk that I would be

running if I continued with the

present scientific circum-

stances as they have been

demonstrated since the

of an estimated 15 million

Ismaili Muslims, who view

the Aga as a descendant of the

Prophet, he speaks quietly,

almost reverently. He lets his

carefully considered words do

the talking. Yesterday they

stunned the world of racing

Although he shows no out-

ward signs of anger, he is

deeply hurt by the Aliysa case,

and the effect of the Vayrann

case nine years ago. Despite

successfully challenging the

positive test on the Champion

Stakes winner for an anabolic

steroid, he is annoyed by the

failure of racing's authorities

to fully admit they were

Before returning to France last night, he said: "One must

not underestimate the stigma

that attaches with these situa-

tions. One must not ignore the

fact that at least in the

Vayrann case no effort was

As befits the spiritual leader

Vavrann case.

into silence.

"So it was not a decision

pean terms is outstanding.

On the contrary, the issue was

fudged so neither the media

nor anyone else really came

out with a clear understanding

"It is very damaging

one's integrity ... and it

becomes intolerable. It has

now reached a situation where

I am not willing to take that

about relocating the 90 horses

with Michael Stoute and Luca

Cumani, the trainers. "I think

they are disappointed but understanding and, like me, hopeful that if we have to pay

this very severe price for

something which we believe is

fundamentally wrong, some-

testing of horses in Britain is

an amateur system run by

amateurs, and spelt out the

drastic changes the Jockey

Club must introduce before he

will contemplate running

"I would like to see the

same criteria for scientific

management here as are app-

lied in other major world

sports, with the same level of

scientific competence, answerability, quality assur-ance and to be in a situation to

trust that positive [doping]

calls will no longer be made

unless there is quasi-total certainty that a mistake has

not been made at least in so far

as the science of the time

allows one to make that

Warwickshire dismiss senior chairmen

further argument there.

"If you talk about science of grievous error.

decision,

horses here again.

He agreed that the drug

thing will come out of it."

No decision has been taken

that science was wrong.

risk anymore.'

club yesterday before a press conference at Edgbaston.
David Heath, Warwick-shire's general secretary, said

the four resolutions contested policy decisions recently taken by the club. Their impact, he said, "would be contrary to the interests of members". Considering the lack of notice from Evans and Bromage, and

and Bromage, both solicitors, sought to introduce was that anyone who had served on the England captain, who will serve as club chairman until

camphor.

the annual meeting, said: "This club is a members' club and is managed by a members' committee. If your chairman is not prepared to work in that way, then quite obviously there are major problems and

A vote of no confidence in the cricket committee is al-

ings and no confidence resolutions have abounded in the club's recent years. It was fresh start had been made when Evans became chairman three years ago. Evans said yesterday he was

saddened by "colleagues" hasty reaction to moderate and sensible reforms. All would ask is that members give careful consideration to

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horses on two previous occasions, said he would not race Horseracing Forensic Labtime as effective measures oratory (HFL) at Newmarket, have been instituted to correct the flawed equine drug testing disqualified. adminstration of the rules sanctioning the use of prohibited substances in racing in this country."
"No horses will be trained here and no horses will race here because I don't think that it is possible to race under scientific conditions which are unsound," he said. "This decision is extremely uncomfortable. It is not

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Trainers: Michael Stoute, Luca Cumani, Alain de Royer-Dupre, Jean-Luc Damble and John Otox. sial drug testing procedures. Leading owner: 1981. Best horses bred: Shergar, Kahyasi The unprecedented move by one of the world's great equine owner-breeders came less than Big-race victories two weeks after Aliysa, the winner of the 1989 Oaks, was disqualified from first place the first classic victory to be

Big-race victories
BRITAIN: Derby: Shergar (61),
Shahrastani (86) and Kahaysi (88).
2,000 Guinees: Doyoun (85). King
George VI and Queen Elizabeth
Diamond Staktes: Shergar (81),
FRANCE: Derby: Top Ville (79),
Darshaan (84), Mouktar (85),
Natroun (87). 2,000 Guinees:
Zeddaan (85), Kalamoun (73),
Blushing Groom (77), Nishapour
(78), 1,000 Guinees: Masarika (84),
Prix de FArc de Triomphie: Aldyda
(82). Ninety horses in training Cumani at Newmarket will be

UNITED STATES: Breeder Turf Stokes: Lashkari (84). found in a post-race urine irreversable but I need to be satisfied and I hope the in-

dustry as a whole will wish to be satisfied that these sort of cases . . . can no longer occur in British racing." The team of eight scientists hired by the Aga, including the foremost authorities on drug testing techniques, joined him in London yesterday and were unanimous in condemning the the test used by the

used by the HFL, the Aga's

neol could be turned into which resulted in Aliysa being camphor by an enzyme in a horse's liver. No-one contests that 3-The HFL's methodology hydroxycamphor was found was inadequate because they in Aliysa's urine sample. Howdid not provide for accuracy, ever the HFL believes that since it is a metabolite (chemical by-product) of camphor, its presence proves that Aliysa ran with camphor in her system. In a series of tests, more sophisticated than those

precision or reproducibility, he claimed. "HFL's methodology and results would not be accepted in human analysis, and horses should not be treated differently. It is simply not acceptable scientifically to make a positive finding of a scientists proved that 3camphor adminstration on the basis of 3-HC alone," he

The wealth of scientific data and the Aga's drastic action appeared to have left the lockey Club unmoved last "The Stewards have complete confidence in the testing procedures of the HFL and in the advice they receive from the Horserace Scientific Advisory Committee," a

The Aga said it was unacceptable that the Jockey Club's procedures were so

designed that "you are guilty until proven innocent." Vayrann, the winner of the Champion Stakes in 1981, was found to have received an anabolic steroid according to HFL tests. Following extensive professional tests, the Aga's advisers proved the chemical by-product found in the horse's urine sample also came from the natuaral sex hormone, Testosterone, which is always present in entire male horses. The Jockey Club accepted the evidence and altered the rules to make sure

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such a mistake could not

not materialise THE anticipated meeting between Will Carling, the England captain, and officials of the Rugby Football Union (RFU) did not materialise yesterday (David Hands writes). However Dudley Wood, the RFU secretary, evinced little concern, describing it as "a loose arrangement" between himself and

relieve both men of their

The dismissals followed the

posais that the general committee should be reduced from 20 to 15, and the cricket committee from nine to three. years have drastically streamlined their general committees, which mostly had

Several counties in recent remained large and unwieldly since the turn of the century. When the matter was mooted

committee for 15 years should no longer be eligible. Neither man could be contacted by the

their apparent reluctance to

mittee had been left with no Another rule which Evans Mike Smith, the former

the whole situation is impossible.

ready on the agenda for

RUGBY UNION

Greyhounds give

best to potent

Cambridge pack

Oxford Greyhounds 0 and Jackson. The LX Club were

By MICHAEL AUSTIN

Cambridge LX Club..... 23

Precedent for Aga Khan's decision

the Aga Khan, one of the most successful owner-breeders of racenorses in the world, is to end his involvement in British racing brings to an end an era that opened

During much of those 70 years the name Aga Khan has been synonymous not only with glittering success on the turi but with the international social scene. Prince Aly Khan, the father of the present Aga Khan, was for a time married to the film star Rita Hayworth.

While the present Aga Khan's decision may not be irrevocable it carries a loud echo of one made by his grandfather, who took leave of Newmarket for Chantilly back in 1952 in pursuit of greater prize-

money.

The late Aga Khan (1877-1957)
began racing in England in 1922
with Dick Dawson at Whatcombe. He was the son of Aly Shah, a Persian nobleman, who fled his country during a time of civil war to settle in Bombay with a retinue of 1,000 relations and servants.

night when he takes his place

in the England team for the under-21 international against Wales at Prenton Park, the

McManaman, aged 18, will

become the first player to win

international honours for Eng-

land above junior level before

he has made his debut in the

After seeing his provisional

squad substantially reduced because of injuries,

to be imposed on English foot-ball's principal cup com-petitions next season by police forces unable to man second

replays at short notice. Police

are asking for at least ten days

The problem first surfaced

last season when west London

clubs were warned that the Metropolitan Police needed ex-

ended notice before manning

in the past, second replays

have generally been held within

four days of a drawn first replay.

and a ten-day gap would be impractical for clubs already over-loaded with fixtures.

Association and the League.

who have held talks with the Association of Chief Police Offi-

cers, are expected to agree to abandon second replays for the

1991-2 season. Instead, drawn

matches in the FA. Rumbelows,

Zenith Data Systems, and Ley-land DAF cups would go to extra-time before a penalty

Penalties are an unsatisfac-

lory means of deciding cup ties, and the system provoked con-troversy during the last World

Cup finals in Italy when two quarter-finals and both semi-finals — including England's match against West Germany —

The disquiet would be accen-

would lose extra revenue at the

urustiles, but it seems certain

that the game's governing bod-ies will bow to the inevitable.

The police are saying they

tted by the fact that clubs

were settled in this way.

The result is that the Football

between first and second re-

Football League.

home of Tranmere Rovers.

Richard Onslow traces the development of a

racing dynasty built on sound business

principles

The princely title of Highness was conferred upon him by the British Raj. By 1923, the Aga had discovered the legendary grey filly, Mumtiz Mahal, "The Flying Mumty", whose phenomenal speed was to be the foundation of a dynasty. She was the sensation of the season and won the Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot in a

The Aga Khan won 17 British classics, including five Derbys, the first of them with Blenheim in 1930. He frequently had more than one horse in the Derby, and indeed Blenheim's challenge was supplemented by Rustom Pasha. As Blenheim struck the front he was heard to murmur. "Come on

FOOTBALL

McManaman makes

history with his

England selection

Aston Villa, and Shearer, of

McMenemy took his de-

cision to include Mc-

Manaman, whom he has

never seen play, after a tele-

phone conversation with Kenny Dalglish, the Liverpool

"Kenny said that he be-lieves him to have a fair

McManaman, naturally enough, was somewhat sur-

prised by his call-up. "To get into the squad was unbeliev-

STEVE McManaman, the international experience: expected," he said, young Liverpool midfield Ebbrell, of Everton, Warburst, player, will make history to- of Oldham Athletic, Blake, of of Wales, concede

Southampton.

manager.

McManaman, who has not chance of making the transi-

even won a place on the tion from reserve team player

substitutes' bench at Liver- to first team player and that is

pool, is one of seven players a very high recommenda-selected by Lawrie tion," McMenemy said. "Per-McMenemy, England's assis-tant manager, who will be making their debuts in the question is would be have

first meeting of the two coun-tries at under-21 level for 11 smaller club?"

McMenemy has named only able and to now find myself in four players with previous the team is totally un-

on FA Cup sagas

Rustom Pasha", but it was Blenheim who carried the day. A little over a year later, the Aga

quarrelled bitterly with Dick Daw-son and after an almost public row Frank Butters at Fitzroy House, Newmarket. Butters trained the Aga Khan's brilliant and unbeaten colt Barham to complete the Triple Crown of the 2,000 Guineas, Derby

and St Leger in 1935.

The following year, the Aga Khan ran Taj Akbar, the second favourite, ridden by Gordon Richards, Mahmoud, a great greatson of Mumtaz Mahal and Bala Hissar in the Derby. Brilliantly ridden by Chartie Smirke, Mahmoud beat Tai Akbar into second place. A few weeks later, the Aga sold Mah-moud's sire, Blenheim, to the United States for £45,000.

With the outbreak of war in 1939, his highness retired to neu-tral Switzerland. To obviate the possibility of his remaining Derby winners becoming victims of air raids, he sold his remaining Derby winners to the United States,

Barham for £40,000 and Mahmoud for £20,000, thereby arousing the fury of British breeders, who were denied their services and viewed their disposal as a serious blow to the bloodstock industry in this

His bloodstock dealings were governed by a fundamental belief that his operations had to be run on business rather than sporting lines and that all his horses were for sale at the right price. Indeed, the Aga Khan, for all his enormous wealth, was never careless with money. A keen golfer, he would give serious consideration as to whether to up his caddy two shillings (10p) or half a crown (121/2p).

After the war the Aga resumed racing again in England on a large scale, while having five studs in Ireland and others in France. During May 1948, he paid about £15,000 for a half-share in the French-trained colt My Love, who carried his colours successfully in the Derby three weeks later.

The Aga Khan won his fifth

Smirke and trained by Frank Butters's successor, Marcus Marsh, in 1952. Even the triumphs of Tulyar did not persuade the Aga Khan to reconsider his decision to concentate his racing interests in France.

Even though he was leading owner in England for the thirteenth time in 1952 he took all his horses away from Marcus Marsh at the end of the season. Tulyar was sold to the Irish National Stud for £250,000 and three years later he went to the United States.

The Aga Khan, who was married four times, died in 1957. In exercising his right to nominate his successor, he overlooked his elder son Prince Aly Khan and chose the latter son, the present Aga Khan.

The present Aga Khan had horses in England for the first time in 1979. Two years later, he won his first Derby with Shergar and became the third generation of his family to be leading owner. After siring one crop of feals,

Shergar was kidnapped by the IRA and never seen again.

Johnson shares the plaudits



Police blow whistle A lower profile for Taylor

Terry Yorath, the manager of Wales, conceded that, for once, the result of an inter-

national fixture was irrele-

vant. "The important thing is

that I have the opportunity to

run the rule over those young

players who are on the fringe

of full international squad,

"I was keen to resurrect the

under-21 side in order to give

players valuable experience of

ENGLAND: 1 Walker (Tottenham Hotspur): P Warherst (Otchem Athletic), D Blackwett (Wilholedon), R Ond (Sunder-land), S Alkrete (Cherten Amheric), All Blacker (Aston Villa), J Ebbrell (Everton), C Ramage (Derby County), A Shamer (Southampton), N Jatisson (Nottingham Forest), S Hollesseuss (Liverpool).

international football."

moment - that would mean a change in the entire ethos of cup competitions."

 NAPLES: Naples have sucd Diego Maradona, seeking compensation for alleged misbehaviour by the player (AP reports). The club claims that Maradona's recent discipline problems have burt its image. Sunderland have pulled out of a proposed £300,000 move for the Yugoslav international de-fender, Slobodan Marovic.

© Ceri Hughes, the Luton Town midfield player, has withdrawn from the Weish Under-21 squad

ances on loan at Shrewsbury Town, has been recalled to Maine Road because Clive Alien has gone down with chicken

By LOUISE TAYLOR PENALTY shoot-outs are likely ternal affairs, said yesterday. to be imposed on English foot- Andy Williamson, the League's assistant secretary, sees no alternative to penalties. "It is a question of manpower, of police being no longer able to supply people at short notice. It is a question of practicalites, but there is no question of first replays being abandoned at the

> By abolishing second replays, the FA will change the character of cup competitions. It will signal the end of prolonged sagas such as Alvechurch's fourth round FA Cup tie with Oxford United in 1972, which took six matches and 11 hours to resolve.

to face England at Transmere tonight because of a groin injury. Gareth Owen, of Wrexham replaces him.

6 The Manchester City forward, Wayne Clarke, who has scored six goals in seven appear-

O David Holdsworth, the Watwant ten days' notice for re-plays, and if they make it a rule then we will have to act." Glen Kirton, the FA's head of ex- urday against Barnsley.

FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

GRAHAM Taylor will no longer comment on games other than England internationals, cither on television or on radio. His decision, reached while he was on holiday in the West Indies, is based on the reaction which followed his observation on Aston Villa's defeat in the Uefa Cup against Internazionale

est month.
Although he felt that his criticism of his former club was constructive, it was misinter preted by representatives of the media in the Midlands. "I thought that my comments were abused and that stirred up

It is a shame because I think that viewers and listeners would be interested in what the Eng-land manager has to say but I have decided to take this action so that everybody understands my point of view." He has allowed his assistant, Lawric McMenemy, to make up his own mind about offering his

Taylor also announced the full list of scouts who will help him to unveil young talent. They include three former managers of Workington Town -Ken Furphy, Keith Burkinshaw and George Aitken - which he agreed might be his contribution to forming a classless society. TO FORTHING & CARSSICES SOCRETS

BACKLAND SCOUTS: North-East: G

Donoghue, North: T Cherry, North-West:
M Wadsworth, Nidhender: T Harthy,
South: G Africen, South-West: K-Purphy,
London: K Buridnshaw, East Auglis: to be

The Manchester City forward, Wayne Clarke, on loan at Shrewsbury Town, has been recalled to Maine Road because Clive Allen has gone down with chicken pox.

TRISH Johnson, the No. 1 woman golfer in Europe, paid tribute to two of the men in her life as she collected the plaudits and a cheque for £12,000 at the Woolmark Order of Merit lunch at the Churchill Hotel in London yesterday (Patricia Davies writes).

First and foremost, having spent some of her winnings on buying him a pair of luncheon shoes because his baggage had not arrived from the United States, Johnson (pictured above) commended Kenny Struckman, her long-suffering boyfriend, for his patience and support. "He has been a great inspiration, tremendous," Johnson, the winner of four tournaments this season with world-wide earnines of nearly £125,000, said.

"I was had tempered and sometimes I could be ridiculous, behaving like an idiot," she said. "It came to a head at La Manga last year where I hit a great shot into one hole but it came up short." She shouted at Struckman: tour in the United State
"You might as well put the bag down," and to
60-year-old to lead it.

her horror, and his credit, he did just that. She confessed: "I realised how stupid and daft I'd been and that I couldn't go on like that." She did not, and a totally changed approach, a growing maturity, was one of the reasons for her success this season.

A little emotionally, Johnson also gave her wholehearted support to Joe Flanagan, the executive director of the tour, whose fitness for the position had been called into question by some disgruntled members. "I think Joe's done a tremendous job," Johnson said, "considering what he's got to work with. At the Solheim Cup, in Florida, you only had to see how well he worked with the Americans to appreciate what a good job he was doing."

Apparently, one of Flanagan's sins is that, at the age of 63, he is too old to lead a dynamic, forward-looking organisation. He was, however, heartened by the news that the women's tour in the United States has just appointed a

Ramsamy to put rebel tour to IOC urday followed a meeting in

LAUSANNE (Reuter) — A the proposed tour as "selfish planned rebel rugby union tour and short term and out of step of South Africa will be discussed today at a meeting of the International Olympic Commit-tee's (IOC) apartheid com-mission, Sam Ramsamy, the anti-epartheid campaigner, said vesterday.

Ramsamy, the chairman of the London-based South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee (Sanroc), described

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NRL); Harstord Whalers 4, Montreal Canadiene 2; Pittsburgh Penguins 9, New York Rangers 4; Winnipag Jets 4, New Jersey Davils 4 (OT).

with the majority of South African sports administrators". He said he intended to raise the matter with the commission following the announcement by Danie Craven, the president of the South African Rugby Board. that an unnamed country was willing to visit the republic next

year. Craven's statement last Sat-

SNOOKER

CLASOCW! Berean and Hedgen Masters autoble tournament: Third round (England makes research K Doherty (Englat B West, 5-0;

South Africa agreed to accept a moratorium on competition with other countries. But Craven said on Saturday that he was not prepared to wait four or five years for the moratorium to be

Ramsamy was unable to say which country was involved in the proposed tour.

BADMINTON **Middlemiss** and Hogg gain reward

KENNY Middlemiss and Russell Hogg, Welsh Open semi-

finalists at the weekend, have been rewarded with places in the Great Britain Olympic squad (a Special Correspondent writes). The Scottish pair had not played doubles together before last month. "We hadn't even

practised together before the Ulster Open but we won the men's doubles event, beating Dan Travers and Alex White in the final," said Middlemiss, aged 26. "We did well at the Weish Open, beating England's Andy Goode and Chris Hunt, and we were told after the event

The only other Scot named in the squad is Anne Gibson, the Scottish No. 1, from Dumfries, who reached the quarter-finals of the Scottish and Welsh opens.

THIS annual game between the Oxbridge second teams, held at Grange Road yesterday, boasts powered around the front of a powered around the front of a Grange Road yesterday, boasts more than just tradition. It has lineout for the third try, more than just tradition, it uses pointed the way seven times in nine seasons to the winners of the University match at Twickenham.

Cambridge would be happy with these conclusions with next sought the try they deserved.

minutes.

They struggled to put the basics together, apart from the lineout profits gained by Davies

with these conclusions with next sought the try they deserved. Tuesday in mind. The LX Club showed the footballing wit, aloped belatedly was cruelly disshowed the footballing wit, al-led with superior scrummaging rupted by the need for two and loose play, which persus-replacements in the closing tently forced the Greyhounds in minutes. to uncomfortable positions near SCORERS: Cambridge University LX ctub: Trees: Jenkurs (2), Tromas, Dutine, Conversions: Johnson (2) Penalty goal:

their own corner flags and

their own corner flags and ultimate defeat.

The LX Club, fortified by Macrae and Warcham, their two players closest to a blue this season, found the freedom to run, which confounded a dour Greyhounds team with poor hands and only a 16-9 penalty count in their favour.

Unusually, the teams included no past blues but several of this LX Club would be worthy of one in less burgeoning Light Blue years. Jenkins, the England Under-21 flanker, strengthened the impression with two contrasting tries.

Jenkins sprinted on to a long throw over the tail of a five-man their learner and throw over the tail of a five-man their learner of the part of the contrasting tries.

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England Under-21 flanker, strengthened the impression with two contrasting tries.

Jenkins sprinted on to a long throw over the tail of a five-man lineout for his first try and took a short pass from Thomas, his captain, from a maul following a drop-out for his second. This guided the LX Club to their biggest win the fixture since a 31-point victory at lifley Road seven years ago. seven years ago. The LX Club scored all four tries through their forwards, which did scant justice to their

not emulate for the Grey-hounds, whose scoring threat was restricted to the final few Plan to halt slide at London Welsh

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

descent to the fourth division of English rugby has been one of the sadder stories of the 1980s, outlined yesterday their hopes of a revival in the 1990s. They have instituted a five-year development agreement and below the stories of the organization of the organiz elopment programme which will enable them to ensure that the young talent the club has traditionally produced can be used more effectively.

backs' contribution. Pring pro-vided a service which Fell could

One of the ironies of recent times is that such players as Paul Burnell, the Scottish prop, and Damian Hopley, the burgeoning Wasps and England B centre, learned the game in the London Welsh youth section yet were disbarred by club rules from representing the first XV. But club officials believe that their decline has now bottomed out and the basis has been formed

for a process of regeneration.

Last season produced a budget deficit of £50,000 and rumours of a possible move from Old Deer Park; but the financial side of the club is much healthight this season as is the abation. ier this season, as is the playing record which, halfway through the season, ensures that further relegation is not a threat even though instant promotion back to the national third division is

unlikely. The Welsh retain a strong, loyal membership of nearly 2,000, Brigadier Rolph James, the chairman, said yesterday. He expressed the hope that they could take advantage of the great number of first and second eration Welshmen now livmg in the south-east of England.
"We have to develop our own
playing resources," James said.
"We have a long tradition of producing young players, then losing them. Now we must bring them through, confident of their

Yorkshire tribute to Reichwald

YORKSHIRE rugby will pay tribute today to the longevity of Bill Reichwald with a special match at Sheffield's Abbeydale Park ground (David Hands

Reichwald, despite damaging a hamstring against Excrer in the third-round Pilkington Cup tie last month, will lead Sheffield in his 352nd game as captain against an invitation XV includ ing five former England internationals, Peter Wheeler, Dusty Hare, Bryan Barley, Alan Old and Nick Preston.
Shellield believe that number

of matches may constitute a record in first-class rugby. Reichwald, aged 38, is now in his twelfth season as club captain and shows no sign of retiring after a career which is approaching 600 games for the three senior clubs whose colours he has worn: Headingley. Leicester and Sheffield.

Reichwald, an estate agent in Sheffield, has been a credit to his club and county. After leaving Ampleforth he played in a Headingley side which included John Spencer, of England, and Ian McGeechan, of Scotland. At Sheffield he played centre

to Old, for several seasons in partnership with Andy, his brother. His huge enthusiasm has helped the club to third place in the Courage third division and it is a neat touch that has paired the club with Rosslyn Park in the cup's fourth round. Reichwald's late father, John, played for the Park before moving to Yorkshire.

 Saracens will play their first match against a national touring side when they take on Western Samoa, who will be en route to the Toulouse centenary tournament on Monday in Luton. The match is being played in Luton because Saracens do not

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LONDON Welsh, whose ability to survive in and contrib-

match and James hinted at the need for greater flexibility regarding playing qualifications. "You have to be careful that the balance is right," Jeremy Evans, the club captain who is recovering from a back injury, said. "But the players don't offer any barriers. We welcome any players who meet the criteria."

Ian Patterson, the club coaching organiser who is from North Harbour in New Zealand, said that the new player-dev-elopment programme offered a framework where before, when he arrived at the club last season, there was little direction.
"With standards improving in
the leagues we have suffered
from a lack of direction and
organisation," he said. "The main priority is getting a development squad for players aged 16-21 under way. That is going well and the younger players appreciate being the focus of

London Welsh also plan a reunion next October of the 1971 British Isles team, which ncluded seven Exiles. They will celebrate the 20 years since that tour with a dinner at the London Hilton on the eve of the England-New Zealand inter-national which begins the 1991

World Cup. • Phil May, the Llanelli forward, is expected to be out for a month with the fractured cheek- Andy Phillins has joined to command a place in Ponty-pridd's Heincken Lesgue side.

Changes as the North plug gaps THE North have made five

changes for the next round of ionship, against the South and South-West at West Harriepool on Saturday (David Hands writes). Two have been forced by injuries to Martin Strett and Martin Hynes, but the selectors are optimistic that Nigel Heslop will be able to take his place on the right wing.
David Pears and Martin

Whiteombe replace the two injured players, but two further changes are made to the pack so badly rebuffed by London at the weekend. John Howe, playing on his home ground, replaces David Cusani at lock and David Cleary plays on the flank instead of Shaun Gallagher. In addition Gerry Ainscough plays in the centre instead of his club colleague, Simon Langford. The North also provide a

wcomer to the Anglo-Scots XV which will play Edinburgh in the McEwan's district championship at Myreside on Saturday: Mark Carr, the Northern and Northumberland wing, plays his first game in place of Lindsay Renwick (London Scottish) in a team that shows three changes to the side beaten at Hawick by the South of Scotland.

Scotland.

NORTHERN DIVISION (v South and South-West): I Huster (Normampton): N Haslep, G Almscough (Ornel), B Borley (Wauefield), R Underwood (Lexcester): D Pears (Harleques), D Morris (Ornel): N Whitzombe (Sale), N Hitches, O Southern (captain), D Cleeny, R Kimmine (Gree), J Howe (West Hartegool), N Ashuret (Ornel), A Macteriane (Sale), Replacaments: P Lancester (West Hartegool), P Hackett, S Callegher (Watterloo), G Doggert (Aspains), J Stabler (West Hartegool), A N Other.

Harnispool, A N Other.

AMGLO-SCOTS (v Edinburgh): Q Ait-chison (Newcastle University); N Grecian (London Scottish), D Castle (Gloucester),

IN BRIEF

Hopes for * Nannini

MILAN (AP) - Alessandro Nannini, the Italian Formula One driver who had his right carm severed in a helicopter Clash, yesterday was quoted as saying that next August he would test his chances of returnwould test his chances of the to motor racing in 1992. Nannini, aged 31, told Gazzetta dello Sport that he hoped to drive again for Benemon-Ford, but "only if I can prove I am 100 per cent fit". ATHLETICS Naoto Tajirna, who won the triple jump gold medal at the 1936 Berlin Olym-

16 metres (about 52ft 6in), died of a stroke in hospital at Kamakura south of Tokyo, Menday. He was 78. CRICKET: Simon Brown, the ast bowler, and Paul Berry. a nan, have left Northbionshire. The club has ed Tim Walton, aged 17. 2 an, for two years.

Pics with a world record leap of

AMERICAN FOOTBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE (NPL): San Francisco BASKETBALL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Boston Celtics 135, Seettle Superiorics 102; Utah Jazz 135, Washingson Bullets 101.

BOWLS COUNTY MATCH: Oxfordshire 132, With CRICKET

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FOR THE RECORD Care results on Monday

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FA TROPHY: Third qualifying round replay:
Salboury 1, Berry 0.

PORTUE: PRESENT. PONTING CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second di-

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TELFORD: Michael Bank LTA schools team place: King Edward's bi Hymners, 5-1, 13 and sedent Seati-flustic: Tudor Grange (Solivati) of Boston GS, 5-1; Edgarley Hall (Somerset) bit Ring James*, Kranteoborough, 4-2. Pinet Tudor Grange bit Edgarley Hall, 6-9. Third places: Boston bit King James*, 5-1, Girls: 15 and under: Samil-British: Makem bit Holight (hydra), 4-2; Cathon HS of Course Newcastle HS, 5-1, Panick Mathem to Cition, 4-2. Third places: Result-British: Seation HS 52, Panick Halley and State Seaton HS 52, Third places: Result-British: Seaton HS 15 bit Whitely Coursy HS (Stepmer Pert), 6-0; Edgbaston HS (Straingram) to The Maynard Beasen, 8-0. Pinet Seaton to Tetgbaston, 4-2. Third places: Whitely Course.

nated to humanise: There round (company unless stated; K Doherty (Ere) to B West, 5-0; P Francisco (SA) bt N Terry, 5-1; D Morgan (Wales) to M Bradley, 5-1; C Wilson (Wales) to N Dyson, 5-2; J Campbell (Aus) bt A financier, 6-1; E Hughes (Ere) bt B Rowawat, 5-1; S Francisco (SA) bt F Chan (HK), 5-2; D Ros bt (Eira), 5-1; Erkuches (Eira) ib B Novereal, 5-1; Erkuches (Eira) ib B Novereal, 5-1; B Francisco (SA) bi F Chan (HK), 5-2; D Roe is A Harris, 5-4; L Dodd or J O'Boye (Eira), 5-4; L Fouster B R Balles, 5-0; Fourith reams: J Wassane (Trail) bit M Barnett (Males), 5-3; C Wilson (Males) bit A Witson, 5-1; D Role in D Fowler, 5-4; J Campbel (Aust) bit S Newbury (Males), 5-2; A Chappel (Males) bit S Newbury (Males), 5-4; M Smith bit B Morgan, 5-4. MERE, Cheshine Brother PGA north region winter series: 67: P Ester (Royal Lythers and ST Annes). 68: S Reld (Otley). S Townend (Sandmoor). 68: G Dermos (Neigh Hel). A Thomson (Heswell). J Heggarry (Royal Liverpool). A Inglam (Clotheston). 72: W McColl (Northesdon). 5 Holden (Rossendel). D Stiffen Anexoched). McColl (Northendert), 5 Holden (Romannam, D String (unexached), Sonty Wolfeld RAHIGINGS: 1, G Norman (Aur), 18,40ps sryps, 2, N Feldo (639, 18.10; 3, J-M Olazioni (89), 16.79; 4, I Woosman (638), 15.14; 5, P Stawan (155, 12.75; 6, P Azinger (158), 11.83; 7, S Bailysancos (50, 70.15; 8, T Rite (US), 10.10; 8, M McNully (28th, 18.06; 10, M Calcarrective (US), 8.56. SECUL: Women's world champlomatic: Fi-nat: Sovier Union 24. Yugoskavia 22. Third place: Germany 8 25. Germany A 19. Fifth place: Austria 23, Norway 10. Soviest place: Romana 25. Chine 19. Ninia place: Potand

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CLUB MATCHES: Christ's Hospital Common Room 91. Old Bedfordians 83; Christ a Hospital Common Room 122, Bank of England 78. RUGBY UNION UNIVERSITY MATCH: Cambridge University LX Cub 23, Oxford University Greyhounds (I. SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bryanson 3, King's Taunton 47; Febred 10, St Joseph's, Ipswich

RUGBY FIVES

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Glaurorgan Wanderers); P. Jones (Glaucester), H. Roberts, P. Burnett, M. McGan (London Scottsh), C. Grey (Not-tingham, captain), D. Cronis (Bath), I. Smith (Gloupester), J. Macdini if conton Seventini

Time for poll Ministers' science tax reforms running out, councils say

would be given good notice.

The Conservative leadership

election and the appointment

review the poll tax, has,

Steve Lord, finance officer

of the Association of London Authorities, said: "Although

treasurers would have waited

for the formal confirmation of

the figures, work will already

have begun on planning next year's budgets." Most council treasurers had already worked

out the implications of the provisional grant settlement,

started planning their spend-

bills by the end of April, especially if there were alter-

ations to the transitional relief

higher than their old rates bills. Councils have to cal-

culate and deduct transitional

relief before bills are sent out,

and rebates for those on low

incomes cannot be worked out

until any deduction for transi-

tional relief has been made.

Late billing would mean seri-

ous cash flow difficulties for

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LAPHROAIG

ON ISLAY THE PEAT IS STRONG

ENOUGH TO MOVE THE ROADS.

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Built on a bed of peat, it is the roads on Islay that do the

travelling. As the highly absorbent peat takes in water, it

expands and forces the roads to rise and fall. It is this same peat

that is cut, dried and then burnt in kilns to malt the barley when

making Laphroaig. Giving Laphroaig a distinctive rich and

smokey taste that has remained unchanged for well over 150

years. As for the roads? Well, they have their ups and downs.

SINGLE ISLAY MALT. AS UNIQUE AS THE ISLAND ITSELF.

councils, Mr Lord said.

If the poll tax review led to

ing for next year.

By Douglas Broom, Local Government correspondent

LOCAL authority treasurers spending targets and grant said yesterday that the government was running out of time issed that this year councils in its attempts to reform the

As Michael Heseltine told the Commons that he would of Mr Heseltine as environleave no stone unturned in his ment secretary, with a remit to reappraisal of the community review the poll tax, has, charge, town hall finance offi-however, renewed the cers said that he must act quickly to avoid admin-

Planning for next year's local authority budgets is already well advanced. Chris Patten, Mr Heseltine's predecessor, announced provisional figures for grants, spending targets and poll tax bills on

The announcement also included proposals for new capping powers, which would give Mr Heseltine the right to step in if individual councils increased their spending by more than 9 per cent, or 12.5 per cent above their standard

Both elements of the package have now been put on ice with the disclosure that formal whose poll tax bills are much parliamentary orders implementing them will not be tabled before Christmas, to give time for the poll tax review to be completed. As a result, much of the budgetary planning at town and county halls will have to come to a halt until well into the new

After serious problems last year, following the late announcement of capping cri-teria and delays in issuing advisers ignored

By Nicel Hawkes SCIENCE EDITOR

THE government ignored the recommendations of its own recommendations of its own advisers when it set the science budget for 1991-2. The figures, announced in the chancellor's autumn state-

ment last month, provided for an increase of £22 million in research council funding, rather than the £94.6 million the Advisory Board for the Research Councils is under-

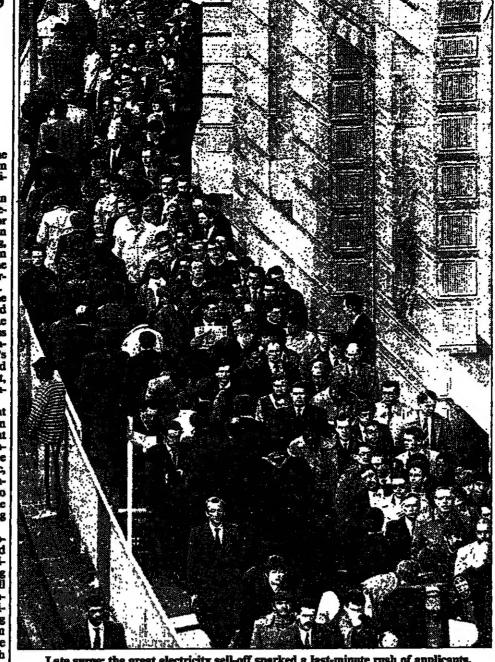
stood to have recommended.

The increase, which the
Department of Education and Science claimed was in line than 3 per cent. If the government had followed the board's advice, the increase would have been 10.5 per cent, roughly in line with the inflation rate.

The education department and the board will not confirm the figures, on the ground that the advice given was confidential. In previous years the advice has been made public, but the potential for ministerial embarrassment was so great that from this year the figures are not being

big changes in January, it could be impossible to issue The Institution of Professionals, Managers and Specialists, representing scientists and engineers working in the research councils, will today meet Sir Mark Richmond, chairman of the Science and Engineering Research Council, to urge him to take the case for more money direct to Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary. The institution wants a £7 million cash injection for the current financial year, and an extra £40 million for 1991-2 out of the government's

Science, pages 16,17



Late surge: the great electricity sell-off sparked a last-minute rush of applicants, with thousands forming a 200-yard queue outside a National Westminster branch with thousands forming a 200-yard queue outside a National Westminster branch in the City before applications closed at 10am yesterday. Business news, page 25

Woman in the news

Incisive touch on policy

versity (in her case, Oxford), rising to become economics

editor and one of the top half

Her contacts were exten-

on the use of correspondents'

by-lines meant that she was

reconstruction of the prime

minister's rows with Europe

Two years and a short spell

at The Sunday Times later, that triumph rebounded disas-

trously. She was selected as a

- later, the - presenter on the new Channel 4 news. Present-

ing turned out very differently

from portraying, and she be-came a butt of critics and staff.

Wisely, she returned to writing. She missed the job

which she most coveted when

The Economist decided

against appointing an outsider ing moras editor in 1986; but she was permits.

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unknown to the wider public. Her new job has existed that changed when Granada since 1974. Under its previous

Television cast her as Mar-five heads, its power and garet Thatcher in their 1980 influence — and indeed, the

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revealed her thespian talents minister, and when he has

or whether it owed more to the been sure of the prime min-

Open hostility erupts over union election

By TIM JONES, EMPLOYMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE contest for the leadership of Britain's fifth biggest union erupted into open hostility yesterday amid allegations of extremism and intimidation. Roger Lyons, one of the candidates, said that the Manufacturing, Science and Finance Union is under threat from a "desperate caucus" of

Mr Lyons, an assistant general secretary of the union. hopes to take over the top post from Ken Gill, a former member of the British Communist party, who retires in 1992. Mr Gill is backing the other deputy general secretary, Barbara Switzer, a member of the Labour party's national executive committee, to suc-ceed him. Both he and Mrs Switzer are closely concerned with the management of the Morning Star newspaper.

Mr Lyons, announcing his candidacy yesterday, said: "I must alert the membership to a serious threat from a desperate caucus of hard-liners, whose political ideology has been discredited and rejected across Eastern Europe. I will oppose strenuously any attempt by extremist elements to hijack the union."

He said that it was wrong that a third of the 650,000strong union's national executive committee consisted of hard-left activists and that they controlled half of its regional councils. The union's democratic processes were being undermined by "secret

economics columnist on The

Daily Telegraph. A family

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tual capacity to match the

brainpower of the best civil

servants. Some who know her

however, say that she will

have to avoid being trapped

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ing more detail than time

Mrs Hogg is undoubtedly of

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to their two children.

liners who intimidated national officers.

"I appeal to the members to safeguard the future of the MSF and prevent a vacuum being filled by unrepre-

sentative elements who would divide and undermine the union," he added. Mrs Switzer said: "I expect this election be conducted on the issues rather than on name calling. Our members are at the sharp end of this government's economic policies and they face a serious theat of job losses while Lyons is apparently putting his own ambition before our members' needs for a united union."

Ripper wife made pact of chastity

Sonia Sutcliffe, the wife of the pact with her husband not to have sexual intercourse with another man for ten years

after he was jailed.
She told the High Court
yesterday that she had remained faithful even though she felt only pity for him.

She was being cross-examined by George Carman, QC, for the News of the World, in her libel action over an article that claimed she had a "sizzling affair" with a man who looked like her husband. The trial continues today.

MP risks jail

The Labour MP Terry Fields was served with a liability order by magistrates yesterday after refusing to pay his poll tax. However, the MP for Liverpool Broadgreen said he would still not pay even if it meant going to jail. Mr Fields, aged 53, was summonsed by Sefton council to face Bootle magistrates' court for nonpayment of his £373 community charge.

Ulster remand

Tommy "Tucker" Lyttle, aged 52, leader of the loyalist Ulster Defence Association in West Belfast, was remanded in custody yesterday. He is accused of attempting to pervert the course of justice, threatening to kill witnesses and possessing documents useful to

250 jobs lost

The Bear Brand factory in Liverpool, which makes stockings and tights, is to close with the loss of 250 jobs, it was announced yesterday. The company said the Woolton site was no longer economic but it hoped some staff would be redeployed.



Debate in Dail on Ulster aim

By RICHARD FORD POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

FOR the first time in more than fifty years, the Irish parliament is debating how constitution claiming jurisdiction over Northern Ireland could be amended.

Although the private mem-ber's bill is being opposed by Charles Haughey's coalition government, the measure will give deputies an opportunity to discuss whether the two articles are a political aspiration or legal imperative to the unification of Iraland.

It seeks to amend the two articles by including a "consent clause", saying there would be no change in the status of Northern Ireland without the consent of a majority of its people; and that unity would be achieved in "peace, harmony and by consent". Even if passed, any proposed constitutional amendment would have to be yet to a rectional present would be a rectional present on the constitutional present of the constitutional present to be well to a rectional present on the constitutional put to a national referendum.

Introducing the bill, Proinsias De Rossa, leader of the Workers' party, said the bill had been given a new urgency by a Supreme Court judgment last March which described the territorial claim in the two articles as a "constitutional imperative", Unionists claim the two articles are territorial and offen sive but nationalists in Ulster say they are essential for their political aspirations.

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SARAH Hogg, yesterday appointed to head John Major's of those exceedingly brilliant The Times, business editor of those exceedingly brilliant The Times, business editor of those woman to hold the post. No Economist recruits from uniqueter recent phase, the main economics columnist on The one who knows her would suggest that she is in any sense a token woman. With a less ideological disposition than her immediate predecessor, Brian Griffiths, she symbolises the transition to a toughminded pragmatism which is emerging as the feature of the Major premiership.

Mrs Hogg is forthright on individual issues. "She has an absolute conviction that she knows everything she knows," says one former colleague. She was first a convert to, and then a passionate advocate of British entry into the European however, defy categorisation, beyond saying that she is firmly a Tory, tends to the liberal, and never merely toes the party line.

By background, she is repre-sentative of the old-style Tory grandees, rather than the 'classless society". Her father, Lord Boyd-Carpenter, was chief secretary to the Treasury under Macmillan. She is married to Douglas Hogg, min-ister of state at the foreign office, and Mr Hogg is the son of Lord Hailsham, the former

Few, however, would question that she qualifies for the job on merit. In a succession of jobs in journalism, she exhibited an incisive intellect, bringing her training as an economist to bear on a wide

Lord Chancellor.

Box office boom 'will fall away'

By SIMON TAIT, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE booming box offices of new, younger audience gained the past ten years will fall in the 1980s is becoming more victim to the recession, middle-aged. It also says that London's theatre manage-

Duncan Weldon, a prolast five years," he said.
Only 10 per cent of West

its younger audience.

Cultural Trends will point to figures from the Society of West End Theatre and the City University box office survey, which show that the

middle-aged. It also says that audience numbers have risen by less than I per cent in the past two years.

Other producers, however, remain optimistic. Michael Codron, one of the most consistently successful West End producers since the 1960s, said: "The facts don't bear out Duncan's prognosis. Where are these theatres which aren't running profitably?

Andre Ptaszynski, aged 37, one of the new breed of West End producers, has no doubts about the future either. "It is more difficult to ensure success. It costs a lot of money and you can't get away with a near-hit any more, but a producer isn't going to give up on an idea because it's difficult to find investors. That's never been a deterrent."

Rupert Rhymes, chief exec-utive of the society, said: "Times are harder but producers are coping by looking at what audiences go for. People are not going take a risk with shows they don't know the reputation of and, coupled with the shortage of new material, that could mean a trend back to traditional the atre. It's not so much the bubble bursting as changing

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ment has been warned.

ducer, has predicted that the number of shows in the West End of London will have to be cut by a third if the financial health of the London stage is to be maintained. "Our recession will be slow and it will

End shows are making a profit, he added, and the rising cost of productions, now averaging £250,000 com-pared to £10,000 two decades ago, is also taking its toll. Mr Weldon is concerned about the lack of popular new material and the increasing costs of a night out for audiences already hit by high interest rates and inflation.

The Policy Studies Institute's latest quarterly arts report, Cultural Trends, to be published next week, is expected to show that, even if productions are not being cancelled, the theatrical boom of the past ten years is over. Andrew Feist, one of its authors, said the London stage was in danger of losing a lot of



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